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Malang Falls To Dutch Forces

BEAUTIFUL JAVA CITY IN SMOULDERING RUINS

Republicans Resort To Scorched Earth Policy

BATAVIA, July 31 (Reuter): Dutch troops today entered Malang, seat of the Indonesian Republican Provisional Parliament, and found it a smouldering ruin-thanks to Republican scorched earth tactics.

The Dutch entry to Malang—most beautiful city in Java—came after over a week of Dutch reports and Indonesian denials that its fall was imminent.

As long ago as July 23, three days after the fighting began in Java, Dutch troops were reported to be on the point of taking the city, which stands on a plateau 1,200 feet above sea level, surrounded by high mountains. Since then Indonesian and Dutch messages have reported the firing and destruction of its buildings.

The correspondent of Aneta, Netherlands News Agency, who entered Malang with Dutch troops today described it as "a wilderness of destroyed buildings. Important buildings, factories, convent and cinemas were blown up by retreating Indonesians days before it fell. Shops had been pillaged and the city was dead", he said.

Air reconnaissance over Malang earlier showed that the Town Hall, where the Republican Provisional Parliament was held, other municipal buildings and a large cigarette factory were among the buildings destroyed.

A Republican communique tonight stated that the Dutch, using a spearhead of five tanks, attacked Sunaradua west of Dutch-held Ambarawa and Salatiga, in central Java, and that a convoy of 50 motor vehicles had reached Purbalingga, on the road south towards Tjilitjap. A Dutch bomber is reported to have been shot down near Surakarta.

INDIAN DAKOTA VICTIMS

The three British victims of the Indian Dakota which crashed here on Tuesday were buried this afternoon with full military honours at Jogjakarta.

They were Wing-Commander Constntine, his wife, and Squadron-Leader Hazelhurst.

The Indonesian Prime Minister, Dr. Sjarifuddin, headed a large crowd which attended the simple service held in the Republican Air Force Hall.

A post-mortem showed that Squadron-Leader Hazelhurst and several other victims were hit by bullets.

A personal inspection of the wreckage showed numerous bullet holes—at least 30 in the back parts of the fuselage and tail, as well as many in the unburnt remnant of the wing.

Eye witnesses today denied that the plane was flying at high speed and using evasive action, and that it hit a tree and crashed. It crashed in the middle of a rice field far from any tree, while making a second circuit of the airfield with its wheels down, they said.

The Netherlands East Indies Government today issued a decree declaring that the tin-producing islands of Bangka and Billiton and Riouw Archipelago between Malaya

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Big Dutch Operation

BATAVIA, July 31 (Reuter): A few hours before the Indonesian conflict was due to come before the United Nations at Lake Success, New York, Dutch forces began a big land, sea and air operation to occupy Java's south coast port of Tjilatjap, unconfirmed reports reaching Batavia said tonight.

INDIA'S PLEA AT UNO

LAKE SUCCESS, July 31, (Reuter): India in the United Nations Security Council tonight urged that the Dutch and Republicans in Indonesia should not only cease hostilities at once but also revert to the positions which they held before the hostilities began.

India's spokesman was Mr. B. R. Sen, the Indian Minister Plenipotentiary in Washington, who had made the journey specially to New York.

He was speaking on an Australian resolution urging the conflict should be dealt with by the United Nations as a threat to peace.

SEEDS OF WORLD WAR

Jawahar On Indonesian Test For U. N. O.

NEW YORK, July 31, (Reuter): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru a few hours before the Indonesian issue was to come before the United Nations today declared: "Indonesia has become a symbol and a test for all powers and, more especially for the United Nations."

In a cable to the American Liberal Magazine the New Republic Pandit Nehru said: "We have been greatly disturbed by the recent happenings in Indonesia. Military aggressive action on a big scale involving organised destruction by the bombing of nerve centres of the country, is a negation of the United Nations Charter.

"If there is any dispute between nations it must be referred to arbitration or to U.N.O.

"For any power to refuse arbitration and to take unilateral action is to strike a grievous blow at the United Nations.

"This has been worsened by Dutch action in Indonesia in seizing rice stocks meant for India. We have to take urgent steps to obtain foodstuffs from abroad and to add to our domestic production".

Food Shipments For Bombay

BOMBAY, July 31.

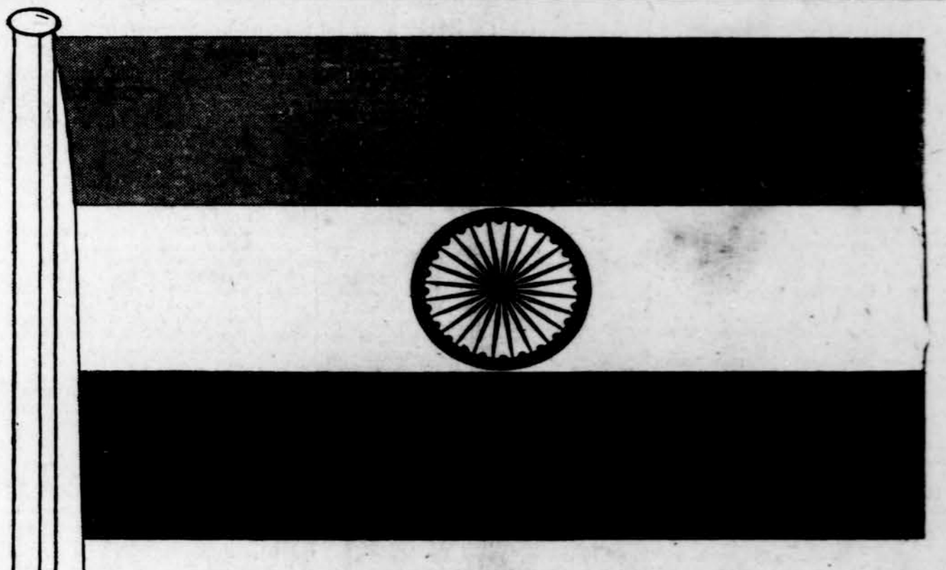
Six shipments of foodgrains have been received in Bombay during the last week. They include rice from Burma wheat, milo and jowri.

Wheat shipments totalled 4,156 tons, 5,807 tons of white rice, 500 tons parboiled rice and 41 tons broken rice were received from Burma. In addition one ship brought 9,500 tons of milo while 4,459 bags of jowri and 1,448 bags of maize were also received Another shipment consisted of 475 tons of jowri.

The foodgrains have been allocated to Bombay, C.P. and Berar and States in the Bombay Food Region.

BARODA RAILWAYMEN ON STRIKE

BARODA July 31 (A.P.I.): All efforts to settle the threelmonth old dispute between the G. B. S. Railymen's Union and the management of the railway having failed about 4,000 workers of the railway all over the state are down-tooling from midnight tonight.



Free India's national Flag, the Tricolour with Asoka chakra in the centre will replace the Union Jack on Aug. 15 when it will be hoisted on the Delhi Fort and on all Government buildings including the Viceroy's House.

HYDERABAD CONGRESS TO LAUNCH NON-CO-OPERATION

Travancore Ban On Public Meetings Lifted: Thanu Pillay's Appeal For "Peoples Day"

HYDERABAD DECCAN, July 31, (A.P.I.): A cyclostyled pamphlet in Urdu has been circulated by the Hyderabad State Congress urging the people to non-co-operate with and resign from the Local Self-Government bodies, like Municipal bodies, Co-operative Societies, Village Panchayats, Municipal Corporation, Legislature and Food Committees.

BOYCOTT OF GOVT. FUNCTIONS

The pamphlet also exhorts the people not to take part in any Government function or procession.

The pamphlet is understood to be the first step in the State Congress immediate programme of defying the Government restriction on the propagation of the political resolution passed by the annual session of the State Congress recently.

The Government prohibited the publication of the resolution.

The Working Committee of the State Congress, therefore, resolved to propagate the resolution despite any restrictions imposed by the Government in the implementation of the Direct Action Programme of the State Congress.

STATE CONGRESS LEADER ARRESTED

Pandit Narendraji, a prominent State Congress leader, and three workers of the Arya Samaj have been arrested under the Defence of Hyderabad Rules last evening.

LATHI CHARGE ON STUDENTS

Five students were injured, two seriously, when the police resorted to a lathi charge on a large number of students who came out of their schools and marched in procession as a protest against the arrest of Pandit Narendraji, a State Congress leader and a member of the Working Committee yesterday.

While the procession was marching towards Sultan Bazar police station the police asked the students to disperse but on their refusing to do so, a lathi charge was made.

Swami Ramananda Tirtha, President of the Hyderabad State Congress addressed the students and asked them to disperse peacefully. The students complied with the Swami's instructions.

Many Hindu shops in Hyderabad and Secunderabad also observed a hartal today as a protest against the arrest of Pandit Narendraji.

What Stars Foretell On Aug. 15

NEW DELHI, July 31. (A. P. I.): One minute after midnight, August 14-15, India's first Dominion Cabinet will be sworn in. Astrological advice is to the effect that the confluence of the stars on the morning of August 15 is inauspicious.

The decision of the British Parliament that the appointed day for transfer of power should be August 15 will be adhered to. At the same time due respect is being paid to astrological counsel, which predicted the failure of the Simla conference.

BAN ON MEETINGS WITHDRAWN

TRIVANDRUM, July 31. (A.P.I.): A Travancore Government press note today says "the Government had imposed a ban on public meetings on the controversy over the accession of this State to the Indian Dominion and now that this question has been formally settled, the ban imposed on public meetings is now ordered to be withdrawn. In view of the recent happenings, however, the Government are constrained to warn all against actions that may lead to disturbances of peace.

The Government also assure the law-abiding public that dispositions of forces have been made to ensure protection and hope there may be no occasion for actually using them".

THANU PILLAI'S APPEAL

TRIVANDRUM, July 30. (A.P.I.): Mr. Patton Thanu Pillai, President of the Travancore State Congress has issued the following statement immediately after he was released from custody this evening. "Myself and other Congressmen kept in custody in Central Prison said to be in connection with the direct action campaign have been released this evening. I am glad that His Highness the Maharaja has been pleased to decide that Travancore State should accede to the Indian Dominion.

Friday August 1, has been declared by the Travancore State Congress to be observed both in and outside Travancore as "Travancore Peoples Day". The agitation of the State Congress should be continued until all its demands are satisfied. The day therefore will be observed in accordance with instructions already issued. But it should be remembered that no amount of emphasis on the necessity to observe complete non-violence will be too much. I fully hope all people of the State will realise the gravity of the situation and wholeheartedly respond to the call of the State Congress and make peaceful observance of the day a complete success".

DESERTED VILLAGE IN HYDERABAD

WARANGAL, July 31. (A.P.I.): Maratwada, a sub-divisional town of Warangal, presents a deserted appearance owing to the continued evacuation of large number of persons since the communal disturbances of July 1, according to reports received here.

It is stated that the feeling of uncertainty and insecurity has been responsible for continued evacuation.

MAHATMA ARRIVES IN RAWALPINDI

RAWALPINDI, July 31 (A.P.I.): Mahatma Gandhi and party arrived here this evening en route to Kashmir. He detrained at Chaklala Railway station four miles off Rawalpindi to avoid crowds which had gathered at Rawalpindi railway station. This had been arranged by the Commissioner, Rawalpindi Division, in consultation with local authorities and Congress leaders.

Mahatma Gandhi was received by Bakshi Ghulam Mohammed, Acting President of the Kashmir National Conference, Mohammed Sadiq and other workers of the National Conference.

Mahatma Gandhi drove to the residence of Mr. Dev Raj Anand, President of the Local Municipal Committee. On arrival there he had a talk for about 15 minutes with Yogi Ram Nath Shastri, President of the District Congress Committee and other Congress workers. Mahatma Gandhi expressed his wish to visit some of the riot devastated villages if it was possible today. On being told that he would have to stay for a day he expressed his inability to alter his programme but said that he might find some time to visit the Punjab again after his return from Noakhali.

Mahatma Gandhi gave instructions for the celebration of Independence Day in this area to Congress workers in reply to various questions He said that they were still the citizens of both the Dominions and would remain so after August 15 as well. He advised the people not to migrate from their homes.

KASHMIR PREPARES TO RECEIVE MAHATMA

SRINAGAR, July 31 (UPI): With only one day left for his arrival here, Kashmir is agog to receive Mahatma Gandhi. Arrangements in connection with Gandhiji's stay in Srinagar are complete. It is revealed that Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru is in constant touch with the Reception Committee formed here with Begum Abdullah as Chairman. The Reception Committee has deputed a batch of its workers to Rawalpindi to receive Gandhiji there and escort him to Srinagar.

Kashmir was rocked by a severe earthquake shock last night at 12. No loss of property or life is reported.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON (OCTOBER)

NEW YORK, July 31.

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Silver Tukda 2nd Shravan	174	6
Sovereign	72	0

INSTRUMENT OF ACCESSION

States Approve Revised Draft?

Viceroy To Address Conference Of Rulers To-day

NEW DELHI, July 31. (A.P.I.): A large number of States are expected to declare their acceptance of the revised draft of the Instrument of Accession and the Standstill Agreement with the Indian Union, tomorrow, it is reliably understood. These States will include Baroda, Gwalior, Mysore, Bikaner, Patiala and Rajputana States.

Reply By Aug. 5

By August 5, it is further learnt, that all Indian States which, for geographic and economic reasons, can accede to the Indian Union must indicate their reply, and it is expected that with the possible exception of Hyderabad, Bhopal and Indore all such States will accede. Out of these three exceptions, it is considered likely that Indore will accede as the Indore State representative who in lieu of the Maharaja who is sick, was present today at a conference of Indian States' representatives and representatives of the Government of India, did not raise any objections to the final draft of the Instrument of Accession or the Standstill Agreement.

Tomorrow the Viceroy will hold a conference of Indian Rulers present in New Delhi and have an informal discussion with them regarding their accession to the Indian Union.

REVISED DRAFTS DISCUSSED

At this afternoon's Conference between representatives of the Indian States and the Government of India, it is understood that the revised drafts of the Instrument of Accession and the Standstill Agreement were discussed. These two documents have been amended to include suggestions made by the Indian States and no objections were raised to them at this afternoon's Conference by any of the States' representatives numbering over 45.

It is authoritatively learnt that no further changes will be made in these documents and they must be accepted in their present and final shape. In this connection it is pointed out that only those Indian States that sign the instrument of accession can enter the Standstill Agreement with the Government of India. Those States that decide to remain out of the Indian Union will be faced with the problems arising out of the termination of agreements with the Government of India covering a wide field, including Communications, Defence, the protection of their nationals abroad, and vital economic matters such as controls and supplies.

So far as the Indian Union is concerned, it is stated, that the problems thus raised will not be of very great magnitude as with the three possible exceptions indicated all Indian States are acceding to the Indian Union.

The hope is however expressed that these problems will not arise at all and that no Indian State will stay out.

First Men To Conquer "Holy Mountain"

ZURICH, July 31, (Reuter): Four members of the Swiss Himalaya Expedition have made climbing history by being the first men to conquer the 22,500 feet Mount Kedarnath—"Holy Mountain" of the Himalayas, the Swiss Institute for Alpine Exploration announced today. The party were Andre Roch,

Socialist Ultimatum To Congress

BOMBAY, July 31. (A.P.I.): Mr. Jaiprakash Narain, General Secretary of the Socialist Party, in a statement issued tonight declared that if the Congress did not move towards Socialist plans and policies within the next few months, the Socialists "would have to function independently of the Congress."

The Socialist leader also controverted "recent kite-flying in the press" and said there could be "no question of the Socialist accepting Ministerial responsibility until they are backed in the legislature by a majority of their persuation".

27th Tilak Anniversary Today

7-30 a.m.: Procession from Congress House to Chowpatty.

8 a.m.: Flag salutation at Chowpatty by Shri. S. K. Patil, President of the B.P.C.C.

8-15 a.m.: Garlanding of Tilak's Statue by B.P.C.C. and other institutions.

6 p.m.: Public meeting at Jinnah Hall. Shri. S. K. Patil, President of the B.P.C.C. will preside and the Hon'ble Mr. L. M. Patil, Hon'ble Mr. G. D. Vartak and Jamnadas Dwarkadas and M. Y. Nurie will address.

Volunteers and Sevikas are required to be present at 7 a.m. sharp at the Congress House.

Round-Up Of Mahasabhites

LUCKNOW, July 31 (API). A general round up of the members of the Council of Action of the U. P. Hindu Mahasabha was ordered by the U. P. Government tonight following final breakdown of negotiations between the Government and Mahasabha leaders regarding the ten demands of the Mahasabha.

Among the first to be arrested were Mr. Bishen Chand Seth, General Secretary of the U. P. Hindu Mahasabha, and Raja of Jagmanpur, members of the Council of Action.

The U. P. Government have promulgated an Ordinance amending the United Provinces Maintenance of Public Order Act 1947.

Alexander Graven, Rene Dittert and Alfred Sutter, accompanied by a guide named Tensing.

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Prelude To World War

LONDON MEETING CONDEMNS DUTCH AGGRESSION

LONDON, July 31, (Reuter): A resolution condemning "the wanton attack of Dutch Imperialists on Indonesia" in view of the fact that the Dutch "are now utilising all their resources to destroy the Republic of Indonesia by using uptodate armaments they have received from Britain and America" was passed unanimously here late last night at a meeting addressed by Mahomed Ali, a member of the Indonesian Government, and attended by representatives of political organisations in Britain.

The meeting was attended by several hundred people.

Mr. Mohomed Ali alleged that if Britain had "not armed the Dutch, the Indonesians would destroy the Dutch to the last man within a month" while the Chairman of the meeting, the Labour Member of Parliament Mr. J. F. Platts-Mills, when referring to Britain's "inglorious intervention" in Indonesia in 1945, said that "62,000 Dutch troops were trained in Britain and armed with British materials for the express purpose of crushing the Indonesians."

In a statement to Reuter Mr. Platts-Mills also stated last night that "if the British Government allows the Indonesian war to continue, it might well serve as the prelude to the next world war."

Mr. Mahomed Ali, who recently arrived in Britain said that the Dutch bombing of Indonesia will never be forgotten.

"In spite of the United Nations Organisation," he declared they have taken arms to impose their will upon the Indonesian people, and if U.N.O. cannot stop such aggression as this, it might as well cease to exist.

ENORMOUS WEALTH

"It is unfortunate that two big powers are behind the Dutch Indonesia's potential wealth is enormous apart from her strategic importance and bespeaks the reason for Holland's consistent policy of isolation which left Indonesia relatively unknown until the second world war.

"Under the tyranny of the Colonial Government Indonesia knew the horrors of concentration camps before the Nazis thought of them.

"Had Britain not armed the Dutch the Indonesians would destroy the Dutch to the last man within a month. We appeal to British dockers to follow the example set by their fellows in Australia, New Zealand, India and even Holland itself, in refusing to load munition and other ships which are destined to be used in attempting the destruction of the Indonesian Republic."

Mr. Platts-Mills, Chairman of the meeting criticised Britain's "inglorious intervention" in Indonesia in 1945 "which," he said, "was responsible for turning the Indonesian people against our forces there."

After the meeting Mr. Platts-Mills told Reuter "If the British Government allows the Indonesian war to continue it might well serve as the prelude to the next world war as did Manchuria and Abyssinia to the last. The weakness in this comparison is that I think the Indonesian people will smash the invasion and destroy so many of the Dutch as care to persist in it. I wish the Indonesians triumph in this.

Representatives of political organisations in Britain assured the meeting of full support as did representative members of various nationalities.

A lunch time meeting was among 150 workers at the port of London docks, who were unanimous in their intention to support the Indonesian case.

The answers given by the British Foreign Secretary Mr. Ernest Bevin, to parliamentary questions on Indonesia make it plain that the British Government still prefers mediation to recourse to the United Nations as a means of putting an end to hostilities there, cables Reuter's diplomatic correspondent in London.

His disclosure that consultation is still going on with the United States has given rise to speculation whether even at this stage, a further joint approach by Britain and America might not be made to the Dutch Government in an effort to bring a rapid end to the fighting. Mr. Bevin's preference for mediation is based on the belief that it would probably halt fighting more quickly than a Security Council debate.

The official Dutch statement that Holland sees no reason to oppose the Indian and Australian move to bring the Indonesian conflict before the Security Council suggests that the Dutch Government feels that it is on strong ground in international law if not in equity.

DUTCH BE, IN SOFTENING UP ATTACK

BATAVIA, July 31. (A.P.A.): A Dutch warship and bombers and fighter planes, in a concentrated "softening up" attack last night smashed at Tjilatjap, the last important Republican-held port in Java, a Republican Army Communique admitted.

The report was not confirmed by the Dutch.

One Mitchell bomber was shot down during the attack, in which two Mitchells and three fighters participated, the Republicans said.

FESTIVAL MATCH IN POONA

Feature Of Training Camp For Indian Cricket Team

CALCUTTA, July 31, (A.P.I.): Information has reached the Secretary Board of Control for Cricket in India that all arrangements in connection with the training camp for the Indian cricket team, to be opened at Poona on the 18th August are now complete. During their stay in the camp there will be a festival match in Poona in honour of Prof. D. B. Deodhar. The dates for this match have been provisionally fixed on the 30th and 31st August and 1st September.

The following will be the teams for this match: Maharashtra (Old and New): Prof D. B. Deodhar (Captain), R. B. Nimbalkar, V. S. Hazare, V. Mankad, S. W. Sohoni, K. M. Rangnekar, D. G. Phadkar, C. T. Sarwate, H. G. Sindhe, M. R. Rege, D. S. Doctor and S. D. Deodhar.

REST OF INDIA: V. M. Merchant (Captain), J. K. Irani, L. Amarnath, S. Mustaq Ali, R. S. Modi, Gul Mohammed, C. S. Nayudu, G. Kishenchand, Fazal Mahmud, H. R. Adhikari and P. K. Sen.

The programme for the Indian team upto their sailing from Colombo on September 26 has now been finalised as follows:

August 17—Assemly at Poona; August 18—Opening of the Training Camp; August 18 to September 8—Training Camp at Poona; August 30, 31 and September 1—Match at Poona; September 8—Departure from Poona for home; September 22—Assembly at Madras; afternoon at home by Rao Sahib K. S. Ranga Rao. September 23—Departure to Colombo by air; September 24 and 26—Match versus Ceylon; September 26—Departure to Australia per S. S. "Orion".

Gus Lesnevich Knocks Out Tami Mauriello

BROOKLYN, July 31, (Reuter): Although giving away eight and half pounds in weight, Gus Lesnevich, world light-heavy weight champion outpointed Tami Mauriello, (former heavyweight who was knocked out last year in the world title fight by Joe Louis) here last night in a ten-round non-title fight.

Grave Warning By Reserve Bank Of India

"All-Pervading Corruption Is Destroying Vitals Of Indian Public Life"

A serious warning that unless the influence of the "all-pervading corruption that is destroying the vitals of public life generally and the administrative machine in particular" is countered rapidly and relentlessly, controls will deteriorate progressively and all talk of a planned development will have to be abandoned is sounded by the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India in their report for the year ended June 1947.

The report shows a net profit at Rs. 8,02,27,309 as against Rs. 13,63,43,150 in the previous year. Of the net profit, a sum of Rs. 20,00,000 has been set aside for payment to shareholders of a dividend at 4 per cent and the balance of Rs. 7,82,27,309 is to be paid to the Central Government.

DECLINE IN BALANCE OF TRADE

During the nine months ended March 1947, the total value of the foreign sea-borne trade of India (in private merchandise) amounted to Rs. 480.8 crores as against Rs. 391.8 crores during the corresponding period of 1946. The value of exports went up by 13 per cent, while that of imports showed a larger increase of 35 per cent, owing mainly to the liberal import policy pursued by Government during the early part of the year. As a result, the balance of trade in India's favour for the nine months ended March 1947 amounted to only Rs. 90 lakhs as against Rs. 35.4 crores for the corresponding period of the previous year.

MONEY MARKET

Conditions prevailing in the money market reflected a return to the pre-war pattern of alternating slack and busy seasons, which was submerged during the war under a flood tide of money supply. The gilt-edged market ruled easy during the greater part of the year, although towards the close a steadier tendency was in evidence. The main features of the loan operations of the Central Government during the year consisted of the issue of two new loans, the redemption of the 3½ per cent Undated Rupee Paper and the repayment of the 3 per cent Defence Bonds, 1946. The new loans including the conversion issues were generally well received with the exception of 2½ per cent Loan 1954. The total borrowing during the year did not reach the target announced in the budget for 1946-47, the amount raised through new issues and sales of loans on tap aggregating Rs. 60.82 crores. Two provincial Governments, namely Madras and the U.P., also floated on 2nd September 2 3/4 per cent loans of the aggregate value of Rs. 6.50 crores at a uniform issue price of Rs. 100-8-0 for every Rs. 100 nominal, repayable at par on 1st September, 1961.

POSITION OF BANKS

During the year under review, 7 banks were included in the second schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act while 3 banks were excluded from the schedule, thus bringing the total number of scheduled banks to 97 at the end of the year.

The total demand and time liabilities of the scheduled banks, after raising from Rs. 1,020.34 crores on 28th June, 1946 to an all-time record level of Rs. 1,087.45 crores on 22nd November, 1946, declined to Rs. 1,013.70 crores on 27th June, 1947. Time liabilities showed an increase of Rs. 34.97 crores, indicating the gradual return to pre-war pattern of bank deposits.

Owing mainly to increased trade demand, advances rose from Rs. 354.1 crores on 28th June, 1946 to Rs. 413.65 crores on 27th June, 1947. The Reserve Bank of India granted loans amounting to Rs. 29.94 crores to 25 banks including two co-operative banks.

The sterling assets of the Reserve Bank of India declined by Rs. 128.25 crores from Rs. 1,694.39 crores on 30th June 1946 to Rs. 1,566.14 crores on 30th June, 1947. Mainly due to larger imports, particularly of foodgrains and fertilizers.

ALL-PERVADING CORRUPTION

Although during the last 2 years the nations of the world are bending their energies towards stabilising their internal economies, inflationary conditions have continued to persist in varying degrees in most countries in the wake of short-supplies of many goods relative to demand and the utter confusion into which the ravages of war on the one side and the post-war labour problems on the other have thrown the machinery of production. These conditions have been present in an acute form in our own country, with rising prices and cost of living and the economic outlook remains bleak and more full of problems challenge solution than was the case ever, even during the anxious years of war.

The most urgent and serious problem that will claim the attention of the two States as soon as they settle down to the real job of governance is that of the all-pervading corruption that is destroying the vitals of public life generally and the administrative machine in particular. Unless its corrosive influence is countered rapidly and relentlessly, controls will deteriorate progressively into handicapping the poor and law-abiding members of the community, and all talk of a planned development will have to be abandoned.

NEED FOR INCREASED PRODUCTION

Another problem, equally clamant, is that of increasing agricultural and industrial production, particularly that of food, in order to arrest the progress of inflation characterised by wages and prices chasing each other. Indeed, the augmentation of the produce of the country's food crops by an adequate extent would seem to be the indispensable condition for its survival as a solvent unit. If the cost of living is not reduced to a reasonable figure and if further deterioration in the economic condition of the middle class and the other poorer sections of society with fixed incomes is not stopped any kind of planned industrialisation will prove impossible of achievement.

According to the Report, there is little doubt now that the severity of the last budget is defeating its own purpose and is hindering the formation of capital for productive purposes. The Report concludes with a warning that unless correctives are applied without delay, there is a danger of the very foundations of society and the economic life of the country being undermined by deepening penury and despair.

AIRMEN PREVAIL OVER BOMBAY GYMKHANA

Harwood League Football

BOMBAY, Thursday.

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Both the Royal Air Force Side and the Bombay Gymkhana XI were concerned their last engagement in the Harwood League. The match was extremely poor and certainly unworthy of a first division match. The airmen who started somewhat better earlier in the season were unable to maintain any improvement in their form and in their match this evening played not much better than their bottom-of-the-League opponents. A draw would have been a fair index of the game, for, the losers also had their quota of swing chances. Once an almost certain goal was left unscored by the local side when two of their forwards failed to bring the ball under control not a brace of yards from the open goal mouth.

Francis got the only goal of the match midway through the second half when he half-volleyed a pass from outside left Kilgallon.

THE TEAMS:

R. A. F.—Masterton; Hall and Coston; Tucker, Rennie and Allen; Pugsley, Lovatt, Francis, Jenkins and Kilgallon.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA—Nelson; Sharp and Francis; Herzog, Clark and Hickey; Rutz, Shakespeare, Swartz, Paul and Richardson.

REFEREE—Husein.

Friday evening at 5-45 p.m. Rangers vs. Tatas.

ITALIAN ESTABLISHES NEW RECORD

World Cycling Championships

PARIS, July 30 (Reuter): Italian riders won the amateur and professional pursuit events in the World Cycling Championships at Parc des Princes today. Fausto Coppi taking the professional title in the world record time of 6 minutes and 16 1/5 seconds for the 5 kilometres course.

In the final Coppi beat his compatriot Antonio Bevilacqua by more than 100 yards. The previous world record for 5 kilometres was 6 minutes 20 2/5 seconds by another Italian, Faspo Battesini, at Milan in 1938.

The amateur winner was Leo Bennati who defeated Attilio Francois of Uruguay in 5 minutes and 20 2/5 seconds for the amateurs course of approximately 2 1/4 miles.

SELECTION FOR FINAL TEST

England May Try Out New Men

LONDON, July 31. (Reuter): England's decisive win against South Africa in the fourth test at Leeds has gained her rubber and interest in the result of the final test at the Oval on August 16 is academic only. Great interest will lie nevertheless in the line taken by England selectors in choosing the team for this match—whether they will rely on form shown in tests or will experiment by introducing new blood.

England have shown steady improvement in this test series and this might be taken as an argument for conservative policy in picking the team for the Oval. On the other hand with rubber assured there would appear to be room for experiment if the selectors desired to try out new men for stiff job against Australians next summer in mind.

There is popular confidence in England's batting strength. Hutton came back to form with a sparkling 100 at Lords and Middlesex "terrible twins" Bill Edrich and Denis Compton have proved their wonderful ability time and again. This trio is the backbone on which a strong run-getting formation can be built to pace Australians.

There is not such general confidence here in England's attack however and it is in this respect particularly that many followers of the game here feel that the experiment would be fully justified. It is felt that some of the bowlers who were tried against South Africa would measure up poorly against Australia's superior batting strength and that the attack presents a big problem which must be solved before the Australians arrive here.

The highlight of the Leeds Test was, of course, Cranston's feat in taking four South African wickets in one over for no runs and this astonishing display which came after a bad start would probably assure the Lancashire captain of a place on the team, for the final test. It is a lively point of discussion here whether this feat was a "flash in the pan" or whether Cranston will become the badly needed kingpin in England's attack.

Despite the fact that England has nothing to lose in the last test the selectors will have an important task in hand in picking the team. It remains to be seen which path they will take.

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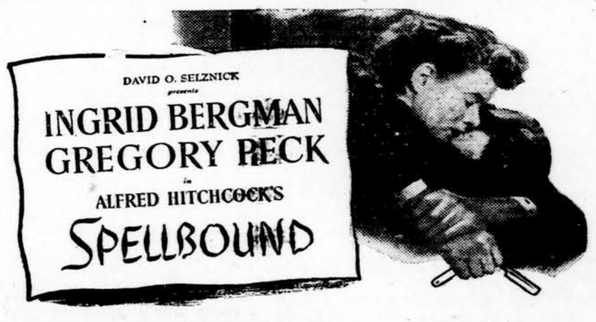

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Today's Engagements

NOTICE TO JURORS

Special Jurors attention is drawn to the notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

TILAK DAY: The Bombay Provincial Hindu Sabha has arranged the following programme to celebrate the Anniversary of Lokmanya Tilak on Friday the 1st of August, 1947

1. Dhwaja Vandan (Flag salutation) jointly by the Volunteers of the Hindu Mahasabha and the Hindu Rastra Dal, at 6-30 a.m. at (a) at Girgaon Chowpati in front of the statue of Lokmanya Tilak. (b) At Tilak Mandir Hall, Vile Parle.

2. A public meeting at Kamgar Maidan, Parel at 6 p.m. when Dr. B. S. Moonje will preside.

3. Public meeting at 9 p.m. at Tilak Mandir Hall, Vile Parle, when Mr. Shivdas Chapsi will preside.

HINDU RASHTRA DAL: Tilak Punyatithi: Flag salutation at Chaupatty at 7 a.m. (S.T.).

SHARDA MANDID HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS": "The death-Anniversary of Lok-Tilak will be celebrated, under the presidentship of Prof. Anant Kanekar today (Friday) at 3 p.m.

BOMBAY SHROFFS (BANKERS) ASSOCIATION: It is hereby resolved that the members of the Bombay Shroffs (Bankers) Association Ltd. should close their hundi and other business today (Friday) the 1st being Tilak Jayanti.

INDIAN ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY: Symposium on National Parks at Royal Institute of Science today at 5-30 p.m.

'C' WARD FORWARD BLOC: Active workers' meeting today 8-30 p.m. in the office (50, Swaminarayan Building, 3rd Bhoiwada, Bhuleshwar).

GOVT. GRAIN SHOP EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION: Second Annual General meeting today (Friday) at 2 p.m. (S.T.), at Damodar Hall, Parel, Poibavdi Naka.

MUNICIPAL COMMISSIONER'S ROUND: If there be no heavy rains the Municipal Commissioner will meet the elected members of Ward No. 18 today at 7-51 a.m. (B.T.) i.e. 8-30 a.m. (S.T.), at the Junction of DeLisle Road and Gokhale Road and go round with them in the Ward.

B. P. ADULT EDUCATION ASSOCIATION: Mr. Merchant will begin his classes in 'Gujarati' today (Friday) at the Elphinstone College at 6-30 p.m. other classes for the day as usual.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "The Creative Will" is the subject to be taken up for consideration today (Friday) at 6-15 p.m at Jehangir Wadia Building, Opp. Flora Fountain.

"HINDI-DAY": Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Hindi Sahitya Sammelan, "Hindi-Day" will be observed today (Friday) at 3 p.m. at the Marwadi Vidyalaya Hall. Hon. Govindlalji Pitti will preside.

PROGRESSIVE GROUP LECTURE: Members and their guests are invited to a meeting of the Progressive Group at Green's today (Friday) at 6-15 p.m. when Mr. Lanka Sundaram, Adviser to the Indian Government, the U.N.O. will speak on "The Foreign Policy of New India".

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS: The first General Meeting of the Session 1947-48 will be held today (Friday) at 6-15 p.m. (S.T.), at its registered office and the premises of the Sohrab F. Bharoocha Architectural Library, when the President, Mr. H. N. Dallas, will deliver his inaugural address.

LECTURE ON INSURANCE: Under the auspices of the Bombay Life Underwriters' Association Mr. T. C. Kapur will deliver a lecture on "Life Insurance Selling As A Profession" at Dr. Sir Jivanji Modi Memorial Hall, 136, Apollo Street, Fort, today (Friday) at 6 p.m.

LINTAS EXHIBITION: An exhibition of paintings by the artists employed by Lintas Limited, is being held under the auspices of the Bombay Art Society at their Salon, 6, Rampart Row, Fort. Mr. Adurkar, who will open the exhibition today at 6 p.m. The exhibition will remain open daily from the 1st until 8th August.

SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY: Jubilee Lectures Postponed. The Lecture of Mr. A. D. Shroff in the above series, which was to be delivered today (Friday) has been postponed.

SRAVANA YEJUR UPAKARMAM (AVANI AVITTAM) will be conducted by Kethandapatti Vadhyar today at Plot No. 13 Brahaminwada Road, Matunga (from 8-30 a.m. to 10-30 a.m.) and at Ground Floor, Appaji Ramchandra Building, Deodar Road, Matunga (from 7-30 a.m. to 12 Noon.

PROVINCIAL HINDU STUDENTS CONFERENCE will be held at Madhavbaug on 2nd and 3rd August, at 4 p.m. Dr. Moonje, is reaching Bombay on 1st and will inaugurate the conference. Advocate Ramachari, from Bangalore, Pandit Mauli Chandra Sharma, Prof. Satyavrat Vidhantalankar, Pandit Mukund Malaviya, Swami Kalyandeoji and other Hindu Leaders will address the conference. A reception committee has been formed with K. K. Athalye M.A.B.T. as the Chairman and Pandit Bakhle as the Secretary.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT (PROPAGANDA), BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY: Anti-Typhoid inoculations performed free at Tata Colony, Tardeo Road on 1-8-47, commencing from 4 p.m.

UNIVERSITY SENATE: The following five gentlemen have been elected as Fellows of the Bombay University Senate, from Registered Graduates' Constituency: (1) Dr. Motibhai Patel (Ahmedabad); (2) Prof. Mahajani (Poona); (3) Mr. Nanubhai Desai (Kadod): (4) Mr. V. B. Gandhi (Bombay); (5) Dr. Oak (Bombay).

TRAVANCORE AND HYDERABAD AID COMMITTEE: Public meeting at Napoo Gardens, Matunga, (weather permitting), otherwise at Podar College today at 8-30 p.m. to celebrate the 'Travancore Day' as announced by the Travancore State Congress. Mr. Purshottam Tricumdas, President of the above Committee, will preside and Mr. S. K. Patil, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Mr. T. M. Verghese, Vice-President of the Travancore State Congress, Mrs. Pupal Jayakar and a representative of Hyderabad State Congress will explain the present situation in the States.

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INDUSTRIAL COURT PROCEEDINGS

Arguments In B.E.S.T. Dispute

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Resuming his arguments in the dispute between the management and the non-scheduled staff of the B.E.S. and T. Company Ltd. before Sir H. V. Divetia, President, Industrial Court, today, Mr. Shantilal Shah, appearing on behalf of the workers pleaded that a part of the dearness allowance granted to the workers should be consolidated with the basic wages.

Mr. Shah contended that looking to the present economic conditions in the country there was no possibility of the prices of essential commodities going down to the pre-war level. The present demand, he said, would result in the increase of basic wages nad a corresponding dimunition in the dearness allowance,—the total earnings of the workers remaining the same.

ECHO OF CALCUTTA MAIL RAILWAY ACCIDENT

Police Arrest 15 Out Of 16 Alleged Culprits

(From Our Correspondent.)

MANMAD, July 31.

Police Inspector S. K. Fadtare attached to Manmad Railway Station, assisted by the District sub-Inspector W. K. Satunke and his staff from Nasik District have at long last succeeded in arresting 15 out of 16 alleged culprits, in connection with the Calcutta Mail Railway accident that took place near Niphad Station.

It will be recalled that in the early hours of June 19, last (at 1-18 a.m.) on the 7 Down Calcutta Mail proceeding from Nasik to Manmad came to a sudden stand still, making a very loud noise, near mile stone No. 133/12, approximately 2 1/2 miles from Niphad Station, or about one and a half miles from Kasbe Sukene. The accident was caused on account of removal of bolts, fish-plates, and keys by train robbers. Fortunately no one was injured, though nine Railway bogies were rather badly damaged

On investigation it was found that the robbers expected the 175 Down Goods-train by that time, but unfortunately for them, that train was detained at Nasik for loading some heavy materials.

A month previous to this accident the same goods train (175 Dn.) was looted at the same place and seven bales of cloth were removed but the timely arrival of the police had saved the situation.

About 20 years ago, that very place was the scene of the famous Gold-Bars case in which several lakhs worth of gold bars were involved.

Out of the 15 arrested men, 13 come from the village of Kundewadi and one of them is a railway porter who was in league with the gang and kept it informed of the train movements.

The G.I.P. Railway authorities had announced a reward of Rs. 5,000, for finding out the guilty persons. Arrested men will be chargesheeted under Section 126 of the Railway Act.

RECEPTION TO DESHPANDE

Mr. V. G. Deshpande, President-Elect of Bombay Provincial Hindu Students Conference, to be held on 2nd and 3rd August at Madhavbaug, will be reaching Bombay on the 2nd August by the Deccan Queen. The Hindu Stulents Federation and other allied institutions will give him a reception at the station.

CONVENTION OF MUSLIM MINORITY OF INDIA

In response to the appeal of Jamiat Ulumai Hind made by the Working Committee in its resolution, the Nationalist Muslims of Delhi are doing their best to making arrangements for such a representative Conference to be held in Delhi in the first week of September 1947. The invitations are soon to be issued for such a gathering, says Maulana Hifzur Rehman, General Secretary, All-India Jamiat Ulumai Hind, Delhi.

OPPORTUNITY FOR MARATHA POOR STUDENTS

A few scholarships for the benefit of Maratha poor students of either sex taking education in High Schools and colleges, in any part of India, as well as those desirous of proceeding to foreign countries for higher education, are to be awarded. Students desirous of taking advantage of this privilege, should apply to the undersigned, giving full particulars regarding age, standard of education, and a certificate of good character from a respectable citizen, before the 10th of August, 1947 at the following address: Dr. G. M. Bhonsle, R.M.P., Raja Shivlal Motilal Mansion, Lamington Road, Near Bombay Central Station, Bombay.

30 YEARS IN NAVAL SERVICE

(From A Correspondent.)

The death occurred in Bombay, on Wednesday, of Mr. Tajuddin Abdur Razack, retired 'Drudging Master' of the Royal Indian Navy, at the age of 63. Mr. Tajuddin was a prominent member of the Kokni community of Ratnagirl.

The late Mr. Tajuddin joined the Royal Indian Navy in 1907 as an ordinary member of the menial staff of the Navy and retired as the Drudging Master. Before the World War II, the late Mr. Tajuddin had terminated his services from the navy after completing a period of 30 years but he was requested by the Naval authorities to resume once again.

The late Mr. Tajuddin leaves behind a widow, four children and a large number of friends and admirers. Mr. Tajuddin was the brother-in-law of Mr. Akhter Hasan Mirza, M.L.A. (Advocate).

TO-DAY ON RADIO

FRIDAY, August 1.

BOMBAY—1.

244 m. (1231 kc/s)—7-30 a.m. Swar Kalika (by D'Amell) 7-40 News (M) 7-50 News (G) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Suresh D. Store (Sitar) 8-45 Rangnath Jadhav and Party (Ghazal Dagh) 9-0 R. D. Nigoshkar (Lalit). 12-0 p.m. Programme of special interest to women (G) 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12-55 Mixed Malodies 1-25 News (H) 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Popular dance music 4-20 School Broadcast 5-0 Suresh D. Store (Sitar) 5-15 Children's programme (H, U and H) 5-45 Topic of Day 5-55 Locals 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-15 P. Chandra Rai (Vocal) 6-30 Suman Shroff (Gujarati Geet, Badrayan) 6-45 Deshpande (Tukaram) 7-0 Rangnath Jadhav and Party 7-15 Suresh D. Store (Sitar) 7-30 Dnyansamshodhan (Talk in Marathi by doctor) 7-45 Thumri 8-0 News (M) 8-15 News (G) 8-30 "Mridulakchhana" (Play in Hindi by S. P. Chandala) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9-40 Programme Parade 9.45 Candid Eye (Chelsea on Malabar Hill: Presentel by S. K. Kooka) 10-0 Ratnakant Ramnathkar (Alap) 10-30 R. D. Nigoshkar (Miyan Malhar.)

WEATHER NEWS FOR FARMERS

FORECAST TILL THE MORNING OF 2-8-47:—Rainfall will be widespread and light to moderate in the Konkanpatti. Scattered light showers are likely in the Hyderabad State, the Bombay Karnatak, Desh, Mawal, Khandesh, south Gujarat, Gohelwad and Soreth division of Kathiawar. Locally moderate to heavy rain is likely in the south Konkanpatti.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT 2 DAYS:—No large change.

CORPORATION COMMITTEE FOR B.E.S.T

BOMBAY Thursday.

A nine-man committee to manage the affairs of the municipalised B.E.S.T. services was elected by the Bombay Municipal Corporation today.

Thirteen members contested the eight seats, the ninth one being ex-officio. After counting of votes, the Mayor announced that the following would constitute the Bombay Electric Supply and Transport Committee:

Messrs. D. B. Ruia, M. H. Premji, A. P. Sabavalla., Radhakrishan Ruia Dharamsee Khatau M. A. Master S. K. Patil, D. V. Patel and V. B. Gandhi (ex-officio).

Mr. Jamnadas Mehta moved a resolution placing on record the Corporation's feelings on the death of Sir D. B. Cooper, a former Chief Minister of Bombay, who passed away on Tuesday night. He described him as "a most cosmopolitan citizen, a gentleman in every sense of the word and a loyal colleague." Dr. Collaco, Messrs. Sunderdas Morarji, Shivdas Champsi S. S. Mirajkar, S. K. Patil and several other speakers paid tributes to the services rendered by this late Sir D. B. Cooper.

The meeting was then adjourned as a mark of respect to his memory.

HELP INDONESIA

Maulana Hussain Ahmed, President of the Jamaiat Ulumai Hind has issued the following statement:

"Indonesians'" freedom must be upheld Hindustan Governments must come to its aid. The Dutch have launched a brutal attack on Indonesian republic. It is evident that they do not wish to see Indonesia free. It is, therefore the duty of every free country that to maintain Indonesian freedom, it should give every possible aid to Indonesian people against the Dutch. We agree with Pandit Jawharlal Nehru that Indonesia freedom is closely related to the freedom of Hindustan, Hindustan, i.e. the Indian Union and Pakistan, and the British Government owe it as a joint duty, that they should come to the help of Indonesia in every possible way against the brutal attack of the Dutch Government, and to make the Mission of Dr. Sharlar a success.

Baseless Allegations Against Bombay Govt.

The Director of Publicity, Government of Bombay, writes:—

The attention of the Government of Bombay has been drawn to rumours that two wealthy millowners of Ahmedabad who were involved in a case of black-marketing and certain other mill magnates of Khandesh and Broach involved in illegal transactions escaped honourably either on the intervention of a Minister or by donating sums to institutions in which a Minister was interested. Another allegation is about the issue of sugar quota to a tea stall-holder at Dadar (B. B. C. I.) Railway Station although he had no sugar quota when he took over the stall and his application for the same had been rejected by the Rationing authorities. A third rumour alleges that certain Congress leaders, to whom motor cars were allotted by the Government, sold them in the black-market.

There is no foundation for the rumour about two wealthy millowners of Ahmedabad, and no case has occurred in Broach in which a mill magnate involved in illegal transactions, got away by donating sums to institutions which some Minister was interested.

Full investigation was made into an alleged contravention of the Cotton Cloth and Yarn Control Order by a mill at Chalisgaon in East Khandesh District. Investigation showed that there was no contravention of that order but that the action of the mill constituted an infringement of the Indian Merchandise Marks Act. A prosecution in respect of this has been launched and is pending in the Court of the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Chalisgaon Division.

UNTRUE

It is a fact that a sugar permit was issued in favour of a tea stall of a particular category at B. B. and C. I. Railway Station, Dadar. A request for such a permit was sponsored by the Railway authorities themselves. It was not acceded to in the first instance as it is the policy of the Government to refuse permits to new establishments which came into existence after the introduction of rationing except where they are necessary in public interest. It was, however, found that there was no tea stall of that category at the Dadar station. In view of this and in view of the strong recommendation of the railway authorities a sugar permit was allowed to the applicant.

The Government is not aware of any contravention by Congress leaders, to whom motor cars were allotted, of the stipulations of the control order regarding resale of cars so long as that order was in force.

The Government regrets certain newspapers have given publicity to such untruths without making an effort to enquire whether they have any basis in it.

Women & August 15 Celebrations

The adjourned meeting of the representatives of Women's organisations and women workers in the city will take place on Monday, the 4th August, at 3 p.m. at the Congress House. Those who could not attend the last meeting are hereby specially requested to attend. At this meeting the programme for the Celebrations of the 15th August will be finalised.

LET MUSLIMS JOIN CONGRESS INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS

Maulana Hifzur Rehman has issued an appeal to the Muslims of India and to the workers of the Jamiat Ulumai Hind particularly, to celebrate the day of independence of India on August 15, 1947, along with the National Congress all over India.

Armed Attack On Parsees-by On Arthur Road

BOMBAY, Thursday.

At 6-50 a.m. this morning, one Moses Benjamin (45) and four others, who were walking along Arthur Road Bridge, were violently attacked by a party of thirty to forty persons armed with spears.

Benjamin, who was taken to the K.E.M. Hospital Casualty Department, with eight stab wounds died immediately.

The Kalachowki Police, who are investigating into the case state that the motive for the assault was a private quarrel between the parties over a Gymnasium.

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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, July 31 (API.)

Following is the daily weather chart, showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during past 24 hours from 1st June 1947 and departure from normal recorded at 8-00 hours I S T on 31st July 1947:—

Ahmedabad 94 80 0 9.1 minus 6.8 Allahabad 86 75 1 0 18.5 plus 0.9 Bangalore 80 67 T 10.8 plus 4.1 Belgaum 79 59 0.1 19.1 minus 6.1 BOMBAY 85 79 0.2 25.9 minus 17.6 Calcutta 88 79 2.5 28.9 plus 1.4 Colombo 85 75 0.6 16.8 plus 2. Darjeeling 66 59 1.3 43.7 minus 13.5 Dehra Dun 86 76 0 37.1 plus 2.2 Delhi 102 87 0 3.8 minus 1.7 Hyderabad (Dn) 88 73 0 9.0 minus 1.4 Karachi 85 81 0 0 minus 3.9 Lahore 106 85 0 0 0 minus 6.9 Lucknow 86 80 T 28.3 plus 11.8 Madras 89 79 T 5.1 minus 0.4 Mahableshwar 66 62 1.6 95.1 minus 52.9 Mussooree 71 63 0 34.4 minus 1.9 Mysore 84 68 0 4.5 minus 0.6 Nagpur 91 77 0 21.9 minus 1.5 Ootacamund 67 54 0.4 8.8 minus 6.2 Panchmarhi 68 0.1 63.5 plus 28.2 Patna 83 77 0.4 12.1 minus 6.7 Peshawar 101 82 0 0 4 minus 1.3 Poona 85 74 0 8.0 minus 3.0 Quetta 98 59 0 0.1 minus 0.5 Rajkot 92 78 0 3.8 minus 11.0 Rawalpindi 97 79 0 6.7 minus 3.7 Shillong 71 67 1.4 42.1 plus 10.3 Sholapur 93 73 0 0.2 plus 0.6 Simla 75 59 0.1 11.5 minus 10.9 Srinagar 84 58 0 3.6 minus 0.2 Surat 85 78 0.2 8.8 minus 17.3.

DAILY WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, July 31 (A.P.I.): Following is the weather summary for Thursday, the 31st July, 1947:—

Rainfall has been widespread in north-east India, the Konkan and Malabar and local in the east United Provinces. Light showers have also occurred locally in south-east Madras, along the north Madras coast and the north Central Provinces and at a few stations in the west United Provinces, west Central India, the south Central Provinces, Gujarat and the Deccan.

FORECAST UNTIL THE 1ST EVENING: Rainfall will continue to be widespread in north-east India, the Konkan and Malabar. Showers will occur locally in south-east Madras, the Submontane Divisions of the United Provinces and in east Gujarat and at a few stations in the north-west Frontier Provinces, Kashmir, the east Punjab, east Rajputana, the Central parts of the country and rest Peninsula. Scattered dust-storms are likely in and near north Baluchistan.

HEAVY RAINFALL WARNING:—Locally heavy rain will continue in Assam, Bengal and the Submontane Regions of the East United Provinces and Bihar for the next thirty-six hours.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

We have employment assigned to us for every circumstance in life. When we are alone, we have our thought to watch; in the family, our tempers; and in company, our tongues.

—Hazrat Ali.

The Bombay Chronicle

BRITAIN'S DUTY

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bevin expressed his inability to discontinue in Britain the training of Dutch military and naval troops pending cessation of hostilities in Indonesia. His argument was that "after all Holland was overrun by the Germans. We entered into solemn undertakings to re-equip and train the Dutch army which had been destroyed" This is far from convincing. Albania and Yugo-Slavia were also overrun by the Germans and their armies destroyed. Would Mr. Bevin, for that reason, decline to take into account other factors and developments in his relations with those two countries? There was certainly a solemn undertaking to train Dutch troops but it could not be and was not most emphatically part of the agreement that the trained and re-equipped troops should be used, as Mr. Bevin knows they have been used and are being used, to overrun Indonesia and destroy its freedom. That should be reason enough for Mr. Bevin to suspend the training of Dutch forces.

Apart from that objection, we welcome Mr. Bevin's announcement that the British Government have suspended all military supplies and facilities to the Netherlands authorities in the Far East, although we are afraid this is rather too late insofar as the Dutch were given too long a time and too many facilities for the present action to be of any effective influence on the course of their present aggression. We also welcome Mr. Bevin's remark apropos of the continued training of Dutch troops, "I am entitled to say to the Dutch Government, however, that we are not doing this for the purposes of this war with Indonesia". This statement, together with the suspension of military supplies means a clear indication by Mr Bevin that the British Government disapproves of, and is opposed to, the war that the Dutch have started in Indonesia. The world is, therefore, entitled to expect that Britain will strongly and unequivocally support India and Australia in the Security Council.

In Memory Of Lokamanya Tilak

The first of August is a familiar date on the Indian political calendar. On that day the tricolour goes up, the streets ring with the sound of national songs and public meetings are held in every corner of India. This has happened every year during the last 27 years, since that day Lokamanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak breathed his last in Bombay. The Lokamanya was one of those rare beings who make their appearance on the world scene, at critical moments of history—one of those who are to be counted as the makers of history. The voice of the mute and suppressed masses of India, yearning for freedom, found its vehicle in the roar of the Lokamanya. Through him India boldly asserted its inalienable right to freedom. Through him the Indian people showed that they would stand up and be counted among men. He was in all truth, what an opponent called him, "the father of Indian unrest". That unrest has now led India to very near its goal. Marching along the path lit by him, the path of fearless self-sacrifice, India has come within grasp of freedom. A fortnight hence, when all India will solemnly remember his inspiring name, India will become a Dominion and reach the last lap on the road to complete freedom. The cause which he loved and for which he laboured and suffered is reaching fruition 27 long years after the close of his hallowed life. In this hour of victory India remembers with reverence and gratitude one of the chief architects of her destiny.

Mr. Jinnah's Pledge

Mr. Jinnah's statement seeking to reassure the Pathans confirms our view that the League leader is not unconscious of the peculiar situation of the Frontier Province and of the dangers inherent in it. But we wonder if his pledge meets that situation adequately. It is vaguely worded and is open to the objection that it could be interpreted in any way. Assurances of provincial "self-Government" and the fullest freedom to Pathans "to develop their social, cultural and political institutions" are all very well. But what the Pathan is afraid of, and anxious to avoid, is the possibility of being dominated by the Punjab through the Central Federal Government of Pakistan. He should be re-assured on that point. And the best method of doing so is not the Constituent Assembly so much as the round table conference suggested by the Speaker of the Frontier Province Assembly. As to Mr. Jinnah's policy regarding the Tribesmen, it was the essence of wisdom to assure them of their complete independence. Negotiations will, of course, be necessary for drawing up a permanent agreement. And given goodwill and the present spirit, they will, we hope, succeed. But here again the Government of Pakistan will have to accommodate the Frontier Pathans in their desire that they should be the agency for dealing with their brother Pathans across the border.

Frankly Speaking

Commendable Lead

We heartily commend the policy that Dr. P. C. Ghosh, Chief Minister of West Bengal, is going to pursue in respect of the Muslim minority in West Bengal and of relations between his province and Eastern Pakistan. That policy is in keeping with the wise and statesmanlike plea that Mahatma Gandhi has recently been urging at his prayer meeting. And it is the only policy which any patriot owing true allegiance to India and Indian Nationalism can adopt. Every responsible public man of both States has assured a fair deal to the minorities and equal treatment with other citizens. But with confidence and cordiality lacking between two parties it sometimes happens that each watches the other and awaits its lead. Like Gandhiji, Dr. Ghosh would cut this psychological knot by taking the initiative and pursuing his own policy regardless of what the Eastern Pakistan Government might or might not do. This courageous, sensible and patriotic course is the best guarantee of success because no Government can afford to ignore such a gesture or fail to reciprocate it. It will also lay the foundation of that trust and confidence which will one day achieve the willing re-union of India.

Nothing For Jubilation

The news of the selection of the commanders of the three armed forces of Pakistan and the Indian Union is no matter for joy. The choice of these commanders signalises the complete division of that magnificent instrument of fighting—the Indian army. The division of the Indian fighting forces, and that, too, along communal lines may be the logical result of the division of the country, but is not the less regrettable on that account. It is a reminder of the long decades of our political bondage that all the commanders of all the branches of the fighting forces in both the Dominions are Britishers. One of the results of the working out of British policies in India was that there are few Indians experienced enough to hold key military posts. It is only in recent months after the conclusion of the war that a handful of officers were allowed perhaps more in a propagandist spirit than as a serious attempt at planned Indianisation—to become Brigadiers. Three of these have now been selected for promotion to the rank of Major-Generals. No doubt Maj-Gen. M. Cariappa. Maj-Gen. Akbar Khan and Maj. Gen. Shri Rajendra Sinhapi deserve to be congratulated on becoming the first batch of Indians to rise to that rank in free India. We hope they will be the pioneers in a new movement which will quickly result in the Indian fighting forces being officered and led entirely by Indians.

Our Readers' Views

National Salute

Sir,—Will you allow me to draw the attention of the members of the Indian Consembly, through your paper, to a national necessity, which, it seem they have completely forgotten? They have already decided upon a National Flag and Seal of which we all are justly proud. But still they have to evolve a common way of greeting or salutation which may be acceptable to all, without distinction of community or caste. The old ways greetings like "Namaste", "Adab Arz", "Jai-Hind"" etc., are sectional and won't suit in the new context of things. No, Sir, we must evolve and that to very soon a national way of salutation. Will those in charge of things respond?

K. R. GUPTA.

Jalgaon.

New Provincial Governors

Sir,—Speculations are rampant apropos the appointment of the provincial governors for the interim period between the exit on the 15th proximo of the alien domination and the coming into force of the constitution now being framed by the Constituent Assembly. It is rumoured that the existing Governors are to be retained in most cases and if this be true it bespeaks of diffidence on the part of our topmost leaders. This is astonishing inasmuch as it negatives the very conception of Swaraj. Such an action would be a brilliant commentary on the Quit India resolution!

There are enough geniuses in this country to hold these exalted positions and the retention of even a single foreigner in this high office will make self-rule a ridiculous sham.

Discussions, so far as the press reports go, are in progress in Delhi among a few Congress leaders for selection of Governors to fill in the vacancies that will be caused by the quitting of the present ones. It might be suggested, that in the existing circumstances the provincial legislature is the best suited and proper body to elect constitutional heads as it represents the will of the people though not to the desired extent. Can there be a better and proper procedure than this?—Yours, etc.

N. R. MOORTHY.

National Language

Sir,—I share the views expressed by Mr. S. A. Brelvi in a telegram sent to the top-ranking Congress leaders and Mahatma Gandhi with regard to the national language of India.

Bifurcation of the country need not necessarily mean divergence in everything. I shudder to imagine why Hindustani in Urdu or Nagri script should not be the common national language of India and Pakistan.

And again the adoption of Hindi in Devnagri script as the 'lingua franca' of India is rather inconceivable to us. Congressmen, who worked, season in and season out for the popularisation of Hindustani and stood by the constitution of the Indian National Congress which came as a counterblast to the Hindi-Urdu controversy, inasmuch as it laid down Hindustani in Urdu or Nagari script as the common language of this country. That the Constituent Assembly in which Congressmen are in a thumping majority should have decided as Hindi in Nagari script as the national language of the Indian Union is deplorable.

It is to be earnestly hoped that wiser counsels would prevail and the decision will be revised if nationalism is to triumph over communalism.

July 21.

N. R. MOORTHY.

Bombay Central Library

Sir,—I had an unpleasant experience today of the red tapism prevailing in the Central Library in the Town Hall and I am narrating it here so that it come to the knowledge of the proper quarters and the affairs there be set right.

In the application for an admission pass, one has to state the object of reading. By the 'object' was meant, the librarian explained, studying for a degree or research in any particular branch of learning. When I told him that, I am an M. A. and interested in mathematics, Philosophy and Literature, he declined to admit me. I repeatedly requested him to be permitted to avail myself of the advantages offered by the Library during my stay in Bombay of about 15 days, my object being the general one of the acquisition of knowledge; but he was curt and would hear of no argument.—Yours, etc.,

L. S. KAMAT.

Bombay, 24-7-47.

MY IMPRESSIONS OF THE WOMEN OF INDIA

By Reginald Sorensen, M. P.

(Mr. Sorensen, who was a member of the Parliamentary Deputation to visit India last year, describes here his views on the emancipation of Indian womanhood)

Apart from a splendid minority the women of India endure a double enslavement. The minority consists of educated middle-class women for the most part who are filled with a passionate zeal not only for political liberty but also for liberation of their sisters from physical poverty and sex subordination. There are a few women who enjoy the same emancipation of tinselled frivolity as their western prototypes, and there are also those who live in comfort and become spiritually and physically obese. I am not much concerned with either of the two last groups but only with the responsible minority and the pitiful majority.

No doubt a transitory visitor like myself can be misled, and if my judgment appears too superficial to those who know better I offer my apologies. This may apply, for instance, to my cheerless experience in one city where I had been invited to attend a private gathering to meet, I was informed, some younger politicians.

Feminine Reserve Too Evident

On arrival I found myself besieged on the verandah by ardent, aggressive Pakistanians, who barraged me with declamations and allowed me no time to answer one point without thrusting in another. I became a little restive at this assault and insisted on breaking away from the score of assertive voices and going inside the house. Therein I was surprised to discover about two dozen women, beautifully adorned, decoratively sitting all round the wall of the large room. Dutifully I greeted each one and conversationally tried to draw many of them out of dumb passivity, but found only a faint response from one or two. They appeared to me to be obeying the irritating exhortation often directed to me in my childhood to be "seen but not heard". Perhaps they had been inspired by some Indian equivalent of "Be good, sweet maid, and let who will be clever", and were meditating on its dubious virtue. I have rarely met such collective feminine paralysis and I felt depressed.

On the other hand, I met many Hindu and Moslem women who were far more articulate, as well as possessing great charm. There was one extraordinary gathering at Lahore where a number of vivacious Moslem ladies engaged in a vigorous political discussion which led on to a musical rendering of verses extolling the prospective glories of Pakistan, and ending incongruously with the singing of the Red Flag!

I also met many Hindu women with alert, well-informed political minds, and who were extremely active in the Congress movement. Then there were devoted trade union and social workers, in whose souls burned richly the fire of sacrifice and service. These were grand women who are a witness to what the future can hold for all Indian women.

Yet purdah still casts its shadow over womanhood, and even in unexpected quarters it exists, though modified. Purdah has many degrees of modification, and in time will disappear. Of necessity its outward evidence is very slight among those who have to work in the fields, or have to perform domestic tasks such as those we saw in Khyber Pass slowly making their way to or from wells with petrol cans or more traditional water pots balanced on their heads. Yet even those who came near the road were careful to avert their gaze and I found myself wondering extravagantly whether if one were firmly to look towards us with a smile she would be instantly "bumped off" by her super-jealous masculine lord.

Burqa—"An Astounding Garment"

Many Moslem women who are not secluded in zananas or the like wear the "burqa" when walking out. This astounding garment that seemed to look like a sheet dropped over the woman and completely enclosing her, very similar to a huge candle snuffer, gave one the impression of a substantial gliding ghost, or a mobile white monument. There are small lace-covered patches for sight and breathing, but the woman inside her tent must find it extremely uncomfortable and unhygienic.

May I emphasise that there does exist a splendid and increasing community of women who are enthusiastic and devoted in service both to indian womanhood and to a new India. Thousands of these have endured severities and imprisonment with quiet, undeviating heroism. Many women occupy public and administrative offices, or fill posts with distinction in educational, medical, political, and other spheres. They are as fully aware as any non-Indian critic of many indigenous weaknesses and clamant necessities, and are far better able to deal with these than outsiders, however sympathetic. These women are conscious of a great responsibility, and are honoured for their devotion by their Indian men colleagues.

They are resentful at the disproportionate and indiscriminating criticism of those who are not identified with the pangs and pulses of Indian life and aspiration, but approach India as external examiners and scrutineers. Indian women need friends and comrades who will appreciate that the task in India is a human one requiring helpful co-operation from all, but only certain to be accomplished by enlightened Indians themselves because these belong to India.

Selection Of Governors

Congress High Command Consults Provincial Premiers

NEW DELHI, July 31 (U.P.I.): Enquiries in informed Congress circles indicate that the procedure adopted in the selection of Governors for appointment on August 15 was that the Congress High Command invited the names from the Premiers of different provinces and acted on their suggestion. It is reported that at every stage the Provincial Premiers present here were consulted and their suggestions accepted.

As regards Bengal whose Premier was not present here, it is learnt that a panel of three names of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari and Acharya Kripalani, was sent to the Congress High Command by the West Bengal Premier.

TWO CITY GODOWNS ON FIRE

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A fire broke out in two godowns containing perfumeries, tins and pots, situated in the Kasturchand Mills Compound Estate, Bhavanishanker Road, Dadar, at about 6-30 a.m. Seven fire brigade engines rushed to the scene and after an hour's fight, brought the fire under control. The godown containing perfumeries belonged to the Indo-French Trading Company and the other to the Indian Enamel Works.

The cause of the fire and the extent of the loss are not known.

AUSTRALIAN KANGAROOS LAND IN BOMBAY

Colourful Presentation Ceremony At Dock Side

BOMBAY, Thursday.

India received its first post-war shipment of zoo animals to-day when two young Australian Kangaroos were unloaded from the H.M.A.S. "Manoora" in Bombay. The Kangaroos are a gift from the Government of Western Australia to the Bombay Zoo.

At a colourful ceremony at the dockside, the Senior Australian Government Trade Commissioner in India, Mr. H. R. Gollan, formally handed over the Kangaroos to Dr. J. P. Bulsara, Deputy Municipal Commissioner.

With the sides of the ship (an Australian naval transport) lined with cheering Australians and the wharf crowded with curious spectators, Mr. Gollan, as he handed over the Kangaroos, remarked: "This gift symbolises the growing co-operation between India and Australia."

The Kangaroos, which are 18 months old will probably live for 15 to 20 years. There is no reason why they should not breed successfully while in the Bombay zoo.

BRITAIN DRAWS AGAIN ON U. S. LOAN

LONDON, July 31. (Reuter): Britain made another drawing on the remains of her United States loan on July 25—a record amount of 300,000,000 dollars, it was disclosed in London today.

Added to this month's three previous drawings of a total of 400,000,000 dollars on July 10 and 14, total drawings in July alone have thus been the extraordinary amount of 700,000,000 dollars and leave only 1,000,000,000 dollars still to be drawn.

LEAGUE ASSEMBLY PARTY LEADERS

Jinnah Assures Choice Will Not Be Fettered

NEW DELHI July 31, (API.): Mr. M.A. Jinnah has issued the following statement:— "Pirzada Abdus Sattar one of the Sind Ministers saw me yesterday and informed me that my name is being used and it is being alleged that I have preference for someone to be the leader of the Muslim League Assembly Party in Sind. On the contrary, I have made it quite clear that it is the responsibility of the party in the Legislature to choose its own leader.

I have made it clear already in the case of the Punjab and Bengal recently and I regret that my name should have been or should be exploited by any one. This attitude of mine will be strictly adhered to in the case of Sind also and I will advise every province where a Muslim League Party in the Legislature has been formed to choose their leader independently freely and fairly.

"If there are any statements made or rumours circulated, I wish to say that there is absolutely no foundation for them. The Sind Assembly Muslim League party is free to elect its leader and the office-bearers of the party when they think best."

JINNAH'S PERSONAL STAFF

KARACHI, July 31, (A.P.I.): The personal staff of Mr. Jinnah, Governor General Designate of Pakistan will consist of Col. E. St. J. Birnie, Military Secretary Mr. W. Abbasi I. CS, Private Secretary and three A.D. Cs. each from the Army Navy and Airforce.

Col. Birnie is expected to arrive in Karachi from New Delhi tomorrow to make arrangements at the Government House. The other members of the staff of the Governor General will accompany Mr. Jinnah on August 7 in a special plane from New Delhi.

Mr. Bashir Ahmed I C. S. Secretary of the Pakistan Constituent Assembly with his staff of 60 members is expected here on August 3 in a special train which will also bring P.W.D. and Pakistan State Department Staff.

Mr. K. Ali Afzal, Deputy Secretary of Pakistan Consembly arrived in Karachi from New Delhi today.

The authorities have requisitioned Mohatta Palace near Clifton sea beach to house the Colonial Offices of Pakistan Government.

MULTI-STOREYED GARAGE IN BOMBAY

Parking, Servicing And Repairs On Modern Lines

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A multi-storeyed garage the first of its kind to India to cater garaging, servicing and repair facilities to the motoring community will start functioning in the heart of the business centre of the City within 15 months.

The promotors of the scheme have acquired a plot of 4,500 yards near the Church Gate Station where it is planned to construct a giant 6-storied building to house the garage and accessory departments. It will provide garage accomodation for 450 cars. Cars brought for garaging will be driven on their own power to the upper floors along spiral ramps with only a 10 p.c. gradient so that both high and low powered cars can move up without difficulty.

For the convenience of the owner-drivers whose offices or homes are situated away from the garage a special 24-hour driver service will be maintained. It will provide up-to-date servicing and repairing facilities to motorists. It is stated that complete averhaul of the car except painting will be done in less than 32 hours.

The scheme which is approved by Western India Automobile Association will reduce congestion by roadside parking especially in the Fort areas when the garage is built.

It is said that the Provincial Government have lent their support to the venture.

OPENING PRIVATE TRADE WITH JAPAN

India Govt. Invite 39 Firms To Send Representatives

NEW DELHI, July 31 (API.) As part of the Allied Scheme to open up private trade with Japan, the Government of India has invited each of 39 selected firms to send a representative to that country as soon as possible after August 15, says a PTI Note. The total number of businessmen who will visit Japan in this connection is 400—drawn from upward of 10 countries. Four cities—Tokyo, Nagoya, Kyoto and Osaka—have been chosen as centres of accommodation.

The businessmen going from India, as also those from other countries, will not comprise a delegation. They will act as individual units and each will make his own travelling arrangements. On arrival in Japan, they will report to headquarters of the Supreme Commander of Allied Powers, and will be guided in making contact with Japanese businessmen and in the manner of negotiating contracts. They will stay in Japan for 21 days.

Indian firms which have received invitations are interested in the following industries: textile and other machinery, chemicals, hardware, mill accessories, porcelain and glassware, cotton and woollen piecegoods, electrical goods, paper and printing machinery, etc. Exporters of raw cotton will also be among the number.

Afghanistan Premier Meets Attlee

LONDON, July 31 (Reuter). Marshal Shah Mohammed Kahn, Prime Minister of Afghanistan who arrived in England four days ago, has now met the British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee and the Foreign Secretary Mr. Ernest Bevin.

After attending a dinner given in his honour by Mr. Bevin last night, he was the guest of honour at a luncheon at the official residence of the Prime Minister, No. 10, Downing Street, today.

These are the first indications of any contacts with the British Government during the stay of the Marshal, who is uncle of the King of Afghanistan, Zahir Shah.

After his arrival on Sunday night he told reporters that his visit to Britain was unofficial, but he was willing to discuss Afghanistan's claims to Indian territory if he was approached by any high authority.

GOVT. STAFF EMPLOYEES ON THE MARCH

Their Demands And Their Threat

(By S. H. JHABWALA)

Any militant step taken by workers in any industry or in any employment bears certain fruit—only that it must be by complete unity of purpose. It is possible that reasonable consideration may be given to the circumstances of the case and the contemplated action may be slow or less stringent. The Bombay Government Staff Federation has proposed to observe a token stay-out strike on the 6th August "with a view to bringing home to Government, the urgency of demands". The announcement does not seem to be taken in a spirit of bravado. It has been countered by the Home Minister who has raised his rod of discipline by threatening the staff against the contemplated action. Gandhiji, too, has dubbed such an action as "a nuisance" For the time being the whole staff are portrayed to the eye of the public as recalcitrant, obstreperous, garrulous symbols of disloyalty and disobedience.

THEIR DEMANDS

From the general trend of correspondence I have been having with Government on behalf of the Inferior Staff Union who were approached for co-operation in the 1-day strike on the chief of the demands, viz., action on the Pay Commission's Report, it is felt that Government are not unwilling to make a reasonable approach to the recommendations of the Pay Commission's Report, but, it appears, the men at the helm in the Secretariat have not applied their clear and bold mind to an early executive action. Say, they seem to be vacillating—perhaps there is a misthinking on the part of some member or members of the Cabinet. This has delayed even declaration of revisions of new scales. Delay in a revolutionary age is the calumny of any modern state. The Bombay Government are wearing the wet blanket while they are sure to take feasible action in the near future. The August 6th strike is based purely on the assumption that the Government has no future to determine while the men who are the administrative back-bone of the Government are determined to bring Government within the steel frame of a definiteness of determination. The Union of the men will thus be a wholesome corrective of Government's unusual dilatoriness. More than the Bombay Government it is the Central Government that are the principal culprit.

RECOGNITION

Among other demands is one about recognition. The Bombay Government are living in an age of ignorance when they refuse recognition to a union of their own employees by imposing an unfair and illegal binding upon it viz., that the Union should erase "strike" from their vocabulary. It also adds a stain of weakness on the part of the Government to exhort the members to restrict themselves only to Adjudication or Arbitration. No legal exhortation can be be imposed in these days of freedom, by Government, but it becomes an impediment between the master and the servant. The whole of Trade Unionism today is percolated with mutual good feeling between the employers and the unionists—only that an artistic talent needs to be employed by the employers to shape the ends of a dispute towards peace and harmony.

HAND OF FRIENDSHIP

Gandhiji appears to have been misinformed on the Bombay issue where there is no question of enhancements over the Pay Commission's declarations but "immediate declaration of revised pay scheme. Much of the grace of the gift has been lost as a result of undue delay. The Bombay staff are making Bombay vigilant over the issue. Government must extend a hand of friendship and peace to the new-awakened "People" in the workers' agitation, if it is to be real "People's Raj" as they so charitably headline their weekly organ. Winning by talks is the democracy of the present: shirking by threats is the moment gone yesterday.

Let us live the new freedom which is the meeting of the two different understandings in which [illegible] conclusion is bound to be achieved.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

Standing Committee of the All-India Women's Conference report "Lady Rama Rau after explaining the Conference's aims and objects, its progress and achievements since its formation 20 years ago, vehemently criticized men for keeping women under their slavery and denying them freedom to enjoy equal status in society and other fields.... She also urged women to assert their rights and persuade men to set their house in order".

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European officers of the Bombay City and the Provincial Police Force, numbering 22 have given notice to the authorities of their intention to retire from service from the middle of August 1947.

Bon Voyage.

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After the report of Travancore's decision to accede to the Indian Union, it is now officially announced that Mr. Pattom Thanu Pillai, President of the Travancore State Congress, and all others arrested in connection with the direct action campaign have been released.

In the name of all that is inevitable what has started happening to Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Aiyer?

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Of the conditions on which Sir "C-P" would accede to India one is to the effect that Travancore should have the right to appoint representative to Pakistan "through the Indian Union".

If Sir "C. P." feels his honourable face needs saving, he may, for ought we care, appoint representatives in Timbuctoo through the Indian Union.

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Mr. Jinnah has reiterated that the Muslim League has no intention of coercing any State into adopting any particular course of action.

If Mr. Jinnah didn't also reiterate, it was not necessary to reiterate, that "States" means strictly their Highnesses of the States.

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Mr. Jinnah assures the Pathans of the N.W.F.P. that "they will have the same self-government as any other part or province of Pakistan".

True. But what the Pathans fear is that it may be self-government under the aegis of the Punjab, or, and, Bengal Crown.

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Complete secrecy, says Reuter, is being observed by the Afghanistan Legation here about the movements of Marshal Shah Mahmoud Khan, Prime Minister and C.-in-C. of Afghanistan, who has now been in London for four days.

The Afghan Premier has misdirected himself. His objective should be Karachi not London.

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Apropos of the shooting down of the Indian Dakota, the Dutch claim that their fighter plane fired only a warning salvo following which the Dakota crashed against a tree.

Not only the Indonesians, not only Asia but all the United States must take note of the super atomic effectiveness of Dutch aviation which can bring down planes even with a warning salvo. And they must surrender if they are wise and want to save themselves.

"GAVE NO INTERVIEW"

Mr. A. A. Khan Complains Of Distortion Of Facts By City Journal

Mr. Abdul Kadeer A. Khan M.L.A., Leader, Muslim League Party, Bombay Legislature, has issued the following statement to the press.

A report of an interview alleged to have been given by me to the representative of the "Free Press Journal" has been published in the Sunday edition of the "Bharat Jyoti." I regret to say that I never gave any such interview and to note that what I said has been twisted and distorted by the representative to suit his own purpose. I was walking down Hornby Road Bombay, on Saturday last when some one whose face was familiar to me, as having been seen frequently in the Press Gallery during the last Bombay Session of the Assembly met me and we conversed in a casual manner. He asked me about Poona and I told him that Poona was very pleasant and the weather was lovely. He next enquired about our programme for the celebration of Pakistan on the 15th August and I told him that we had not received instructions about it. In any case as the 15th of August falls on the 27th day of Ramzan which is considered a very holy day, we would observe it as usual. He wanted to know if Muslims would join in the Independence Day celebrations. I told him that we had received no direction from the All-India Muslim League about it. In view, however, of the press statement of our Leader at the recent Press Conference and the attitude of the League members of the Constituent Assembly at the Flag-hoisting ceremony Muslims might do so. Asked if I would join if invited, I said that I had not been consulted so far. He wanted to know if I would do so if I were consulted. I said we are not likely to be consulted, but I would think about it when I would be consulted.

This casual conversation took place while we were walking down the road and there was no question about my indicating as Leader of the Opposition about the willingness or otherwise of the Leaguers as a whole to join the celebrations nor was any co-operation sought or even invited.

KHAN SAHIB'S LACONIC REPLY

Peshawar, July 31 (U.P.I.): "Wait for August 15 and then you will have lot of news", was the laconic reply of the Frontier Premier, Dr. Khan Sahib, when the local journalists met him for the usual press conference and asked for news from him.

Pardon Against Death Sentence

Consembly Invests President Of Indian Union With Such Powers As Provincial Governors Have

Berar Linked With C. P. For Election Of Members To Council Of State

NEW DELHI, July 31, (A.P.I.): The Constituent Assembly today agreed to Sir N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar's Amendment vesting in the President Power to grant pardon in respect of offences against the Federal Law.

The House also accepted Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar's Amentment giving the President such powers of pardon in respect of death sentences as are vested in the Governor of a Province.

MITTER DOES NOT PRESS AMENDMENT

Sir B. L. Mitter, who had moved an Amendment on behalf of States seeking to limit the President's Jurisdiction to Provinces, stated after a lengthy discussion that he would not press his motion.

The Clause as at originally stood read:

"The Right of Pardon and the power to commute or to remit punishment imposed by any court exercising Criminal Jurisdicton shall be vested in the President, but such Power of Commutation or Remission may also be conferred by Law on other Authorities".

For this clause, Sir Gopalaswamy Ayyangar's amendment substitutes the following:—"The Power to grant pardons, reprieves, respites, remissions, suspensions or commutations of punishment imposed by any court exercising Criminal Jurisdiction shall be vested in the President in the case of convictions:

(I) For offences against Federal Laws relating to matters in respect of which the Federal Parliament has, and the Unit Legislature concerned has not, the power to make laws; and (II) For all offences tried by Courts Martial.

Such power may also be conferred on other authorities by Federal Law: provided that nothing in this Sub-Clause affects any power of any officer of the Armed Forces of the Federation to suspend, remit or commute a sentence passed by a Court Martial".

PLEA OF STATES

Speaking on his Amendment, Sir B. L. Mitter said: "If this Amendment is accepted, the Power of the President will be exercised in matters arising in a Province and not in a State but I quite see the point that with regard to offences connected with Union Legislation, the President should be the supreme authority. At the same time, the states do not want the existing powers of the Rulers to be curtailed. The necessary consequence of that will be Concurrent Jurisdiction in the ruler as well as the President. I am quite willing to accept an amendment preserving the power of the Ruler and giving the same power to the President."

Sir N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar said that the Clause as it stood conferred the entire Power of Pardon on the President, though Federal Law might confer it on other Authorities. Under his amendment, the President would have power to grant Pardon only in respect of Federal Laws. The power to pardon offences against the ordinary Criminal Law and against laws made by the Provinces or States would vest in the head of the Province or State.

AMENDMENT DOES NOT CURTAIL PRINCES' JURISDICTION

In tabling his Amendment, he took note of what he apprehended was a certain sensitiveness and delicacy on the part of the Rulers who might not be willing to part with any portion of the Powers which they now exercised and the further sensitiveness that if a Concurrent Power was vested in any outside authority, it would mean a certain amount of clash and conflict between the way in which the Ruler of a State might choose to exercise those powers and the manner in which the President of the Federation might do. "So I was impressed by the fact that if possible, the opportunity for this conflict would be avoided and that is why I have in this Amendment divided offences into two different categories—one in respect of which the President alone will have the Power to grant pardon with regard to offences against Federal Laws, and another category in which the Ruler of a State or the Governor of a Province will exercise this Power

I wish the House to understand that if this means a curtailment of the Powers of pardon possessed by a Ruler of a State it also means a curtailment of the Powers of pardon which the Provincial Government now possesses under the Criminal Procedure Code The amendment, therefore, seeks to place both the Provinces and the States on the same footing as regards this matter."

It was only right and proper that Personnel of the Indian Army which was under the control of the Centre, should look to the President of the Federation for pardons reprieves, commutations and similar concessions.

Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, speaking on his amendment giving the same powers of pardon to the President as are vested in the Governor of a Province in respect of death sentences passed in the Provinces pointed out that similar powers were now exercised by the Governor-General.

Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar supported Sir Gopalaswamy Ayyangar's amendment. If Rulers of States exercised powers of pardon in respect of offences relating to those subjects which they themselves had conceded to the Federation it would amount to taking away with one hand what they had given with the other.

Mr. Mohd. Sheriff favoured limiting the President's jurisediction to the Provinces. If anything was done which affected the Sovereignty of Rulers, he said there would be a clash.

Mr. Gopikrishna Vijayavargiya and Mr. Chengalaraya Reddy supported Sir Gopalaswamy Ayyangar's Amendment. Mr. Reddy said that the President of the Federation should be the supreme authority in respect of offences against Federal Subjects. There must not be divided loyalties on this question. Sir Gopalaswamy Ayyangar's amendment was in the interests of the States themselves as well as India as a whole.

AMENDMENT ADVERSELY AFFECTS PRINCELY DIGNITY

At this stage Sir B. L. Mitter desired to withdraw his Amendment, But the debate was continued as Mr. Himmat Singh K. Maheswari who had given notice of a similar amendment, desired to speak.

Mr. Maheshwari said that he was not convinced by Sir Gopalaswamy Ayyangar's argument that because the Governors of Provinces did not have the power to grant pardon, the existing power of pardon exercised by the Rulers should also be curtailed or withdrawn. "He seemed to think that this was a question more or less of sensitiveness. On that point I do not agree with him. After all, within the borders of a State the dignity of a Ruler has to be maintained and if you take away from him a power which he has hitherto enjoyed that dignity is adversely affected.

He suggested postponement of the Clause to enable everyone to reconsider the whole position.

FOLLOW U. S. PRESIDENT

Mr. K. M. Munshi said that States when they came into the Federation accepted the operation of Federal Laws in their States. They accepted to that extent that the Federal Government was supreme and the President as representing the Federal Government, alone be the Authority who could grant reprieve or pardon. In the American Constitution, the President was authorised to Grant Reprieve and pardon for offences against the United States a similar provision was necessary here not only from the point of view of constitutional principle but also of expediency. These were matters of the most vital importance to the existence of the Centre and, therefore, the power of pardon could not be given to anybody except the Head of the Federal Government.

PROVINCES NOT SOVEREIGN IN FEDERAL SPHERE

Sir Alladi Krishnaswamy Iyer supported Sir N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar's and Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar's Amendments. Sir Alladi said that in regard to the subjects conceded by the States to the Union, the States ceased to be Sovereign to that extent. The States of the American Union were still Sovereign in many respects but they were not Sovereign in the Federal Sphere.

The first principle of the Federal System was that the Federal law was binding upon every citizen and there was a direct relation between the citizen and the Federal Government. When there was a breach of that Federal Law, the Representative of the Federation must have the inherent Right of Pardon.

Mr. Naziruddin Ahmad supported this view.

Replying to the debate, Sir N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar said that Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar's Amendment was confirmed to the Provinces alone and this would introduce into his Amendment a difference between the Provinces and States. Secondly, the House would be taking away from the Province some more of the power which his Amendment would have conferred upon them, but that was a small matter. If the House agreed to Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar's Amendment, he for one would not object to it.

The House accepted Sir Gopalaswamy Ayyangar's and Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar's Amendments.

CONSTITUTION OF LEGISLATURES

The House agreed to an Amendment moved by Sir N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar to Clause 14 of the Report which deals with the Constitution of the Council of State and of the House of the People.

The Amendment which was a substitute Clause "inter alia" state that the strength of the Council of State shall not exceed one half of the strength of the House of the People; that not more than 25 members of the Council shall be returned by Functional Constituencies or Panels constituted on the lines of the provisions in Section 18(7) of the Irish Constitution of 1937; that the balance of the members of the Council shall be returned by constituencies representing Units on a scale to be worked out in detail and that the total representation of Indian States does not exceed 40 per cent of this balance.

ELECTION TO COUNCIL OF STATE

The mode of election to the Council of State will be that the representatives of each Unit in the Council of State shall be elected by the members of the Legislature of such Unit and in cases where a Legislature consists of two Houses by the elected members of the Lower House of that Legislature.

As provided in the original Clause the strength of the House of the People shall not exceed 500 but the constituencies shall be so delimited as to ensure that there shall be not less than one representative for every 750,000 of the population and not more than one representative for every 500,000.

Sir Gopalaswamy Ayyengar explained that the fixing of the actual strength of the Council of State and of the House of the People, the distribution of seats amongst the Units of the Federation, the manner in which the smaller States should be grouped into Units for purposes of election to the two Houses and other cognate matters should be referred back to the Union Constitution Committee. The report of the Committee would be inserted in the draft text of the Union Constitution.

BERAR TO BE INCLUDED WITH C. P.

The House agreed to an amendment for the inclusion of Berar with the Central Provinces in the Schedule of Provinces which will elect Representatives to the Council of State.

Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed, Mr. Shibanlal Saxena, Begum Aziz Rasul and Mr. Jainarain Vyas participated in the debate.

BOGUS "ELECTED MEMBERS" IN STATES

On behalf of the States' people Mr. Jainarain Vyas welcomed Sir Gopalaswamy's Amendment which, he said, was an improvement on the original clause. It would now be possible for many States such as Bhavnagar, Junagad, Nawanagar, etc. to send their own representatives to the House of the People. He would, however, disabuse the House of certain confusion regarding "elected members" in some of the Indian States. He knew of a State in the Punjab where the Ruler's son and his daughter-in-law were "elected" to the State Legislature and were appointed as "popular Ministers". He desired to bring to the notice of the House the "bogus franchise and bogus legislatures" in a number of States.

Mr. Hiralal Sastri speaking on the Amendment said that it would not be desirable to lower the figure from a million to five lakhs of population who would elect one representative to the House of the People. This would facilitate a number of small States where there was no political freedom at all, being represented in the Federal Legislature.

The House agreed to the Amendment and subsequent consequential Clauses.

SUCCESSOR GOVT.

The House then took up consideration of the Transitional Provisions (Part Eleven) of the Report and agreed to an Amendment moved by Sir N. Gopalaswamy Ayyengar to Clause 1 in regard to the definition of the Government of India Act 1935 "as adapted under the Indian Independence Act of 1947". The first Clause stated that the Government of the Federation shall be the successor to the Government of India established under the recent Act as regards all property, assets, rights and liabilities.

FEDERAL COURT TO ACT AS SUPREME COURT

The House agreed to an important Amendment moved by Sir Alladi Krishnaswamy Ayer in regard to the functions of the Federal Court. According to the original draft until the Supreme Court was duly constituted, the Federal Court was to be deemed to be the Supreme Court and all cases pending before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council at the date of the commencement of the constitution may be disposed of as if this constitution had not come into operation.

No Appeal To Privy Council

Sir Alladi's Amendment read: "On and after the coming into force of this Constitution, the Jurisdiction of the Judicial Committee of His Majesty's Privy Council to entertain and dispose of appeals and petitions from any court in the Union of India, including the Jurisdiction in respect of criminal matters in the exercise of His Majestry's prerogative, shall cease and all appeals and other proceedings pending before the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council shall stand transferred to, and be disposed of by, the Supreme Court. Further provision may be made by the Parliament of the Federation to implement and give effect to this provision"

Sir Alladi explained that even in the British Commonwealth judicial autonomy was recognised as necessarily incidental to the new status which the Dominions had attained. Both in Canada and South Africa there was no right of appeal to the Judicial Committee and in Australia there was no right of appeal at all, excepting with the leave of the High Court of Australia. If that was the position even in regard to the Dominions within the British Commonwealth, it was inconceivable that there should be any retention of jurisdiction in the Judicial Committee after India had become a Republic.

Sir Alladi said that all that we enacted was that the cases do stand transferred and that henceforward the Supreme Court would have the jurisdiction to deal with those cases. He did not believe that the Judicial Committee would fail to act in aid of our legislation.

The House agreed to the Amendment and the rest of the Clauses will be taken up for discussion at the next session.

DIRECT ELECTION TO CONSEMBLY FOR DELHI

Earlier, the House accepted Lala Deshbandhu Gupa's motion for filling through direct election instead of through Advisory Councils, any vacancy in the office of a member representing Delhi or Ajmer-Merwara in the Constituent Assembly.

The Advisory Councils, said Mr. Gupta, were bodies elected indirectly and did not enjoy the same representative character as other Provincial Assemblies did. Again, if nominated members were denied the right to vote in these bye-elections, three or four prsons could manage to send one representative. In the case of Delhi Province, where New Delhi Municipality members did not participate in the election of the Advisory Council, this method would mean defranchising 200,000 residents.

MIDNIGHT TRANSFER OF POWER

Announcing the programme for August 15, the President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad said: "The programme we have thought of is this: on the night of 14/15, just at midnight, we have a session of this House and at that time just as the clock strikes 12, we either start our proceedings or end our proceedings by which we take power under the new Act which has been passed. Either by a Resolution or otherwise, we authorise the Leader of the House to proceed to Lord Mountbatten and to request him to accept the Governor-Generalship and thus regularise his appointment as Governor-General as being made at our request. The Leader of the House will also communicate to him at that hour the names of members of the Cabinet which he will constitute. That will be the proceedings at night.

"The next morning we have a session of this House at 10 o'clock here and that will be attended by the Governor-General and we shall have some sort of a formal Ceremony—the actual handing over of power to us".

The President proposed to work out the details of the night and morning sessions in consultation with members like Pt. Nehru and some others.

FUNCTION LIKELY TO BE LARGELY ATTENDED

It would be necessary to invite to that function Representatives of foreign countries and some of the higher civil and military authorities of the Government of India. The Press would, naturally, like to be present in full strength on that occasion. It would, therefore, be very difficult to accommodate all who desired to come and attend the function. "but I hope the House will leave it to us to work out some programme by which we shall accommodate as fairly equitably as possible as many as we can".

PROPOSAL FOR I. N. A. NATIONAL SONG REMINISCENT OF NETAJI

Earlier in the day, Mr. H. V. Kamath urged that the programme for August 15 should be finalised by the President, and the President alone, and that there should be no "outside dictation" He also requested the President to include "Vande Mataram" and the I. N. A. national song "popularised by our warrior-statesman, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose" in the programme.

The President assured Mr. Kamath that there was no question of any dictation from any outside authority. "We shall fix our own programme".

TYAGI'S OBJECTION

After Dr. Rajendra Prasad's statement Mr. Mahavir Tyagi said that the House was not consulted and had not agreed to the appointment of Lord Mountbatten as the Governor-Geneal and he did not think that that part of the programme should be gone through by the House.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad said that no final programme had been cnalked out as yet, but he was prepared to put his suggestion before the House.

Mr. Tyagi said that he had no desire "to rake up that question" The offer had already been made and Lord Mountbatten had accepted it. The House had nothing to do with these negotiations and he only suggested that the programme migh be dropped. There was, besides, difficulty in accommodating all the guests in the Council Hall and he suggested that the function might be held in the Red Fort.

COUNCIL HALL FOR FUNCTION

The President said that the function must be held in the Council Hall where the Constituent Assembly first met. In regard to admission of visitors he hoped the Constituent Assembly would examine the position and details will be made known later.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad also announced that so far as the Consembly was concerned they would use only Khadi National Flags. This decision had been communicated to Provincial Governments and all flags would be of Khadi.

The House adjourned till midnight August 14/15.

Anti-Demonstration Against Dutch Ship In City Harbour

Dockers Refuse To Carry Out Loading: Federation Of Labour's Directive To Union Members

BOMBAY, THURSDAY. A HOSTILE DEMONSTRATION OF ABOUT 200 DOCK WORKERS AND BOMBAY PORT TRUST EMPLOYEES GREETED THE DUTCH SHIP "LOMBOK" WHEN IT BERTHED IN THE ALEXANDRA DOCKS AT 2 P.M. TO-DAY. THE DEMONSTRATORS DISPRESED PEACEFULLY AFTER ABOUT HALF AN HOUR.

In view of the unequivocal support promised by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to the Indonesians in their struggle against the Dutch imperialists the arrival of the ship in Bombay was keenly awaited. The ship smoothly sailed into the harbour about half an hour after the scheduled time.

It appears that the demonstrators had information that the ship was sailing for Batavia and that it was going to be loaded in Bombay with a cargo of 25 armoured cars, 30 military trucks and guns—all to be used by the Dutch in their war against the Indonesians.

Cyclostyled leaflets calling upon the dockers to refuse to load the ship were distributed among the workers before and after the arrival of the ship.

About 4 p.m. the demonstrators gathered in front of the ship and went on raising slogans of "Free Indonesia Zindabad", "Down with Dutch Imperialism" and "Dutch ship, go back".

The demonstrators assured the Port Trust authorities that they had no objection to the unloading of the cargo but they certainly would not help in loading the ship with any equipment which might help the Dutch against the Indonesians.

A Burma-Shell truck carrying some oil pumps, lubricating materials and other equipment for the ship arrived on the scene just before the demonstration was started. On being persuaded by the dockers the men in the truck reloaded the equipment in the truck and drove away.

Till late in the night the unloading of the ship had not begun.

FEDERATION'S DIRECTIVE

CALCUTTA July 31. (A.P.I.): The Indian Federation of Labour has issued directive to the Karachi Dock Workers Union, the Calcutta Dockers' Union and the Bombay Dock Workers' Union, not to handle Dutch ships or do anything prejudicial to the interests of Indonesian labour and people. Announcing this, the National Organiser of the Federation, Mr. Rajani, says that it is in pursuance of the move taken by the World Federation of Trade Unions to refer the issue of Indonesia to the U. N. E. S. C. O.

EX-MINISTER OF PUNJAB SHOT DEAD

Constable Opens Fire On Ashiq Hussain's Car

LAHORE, July 31 (API): Major Ashiq Hussain, a former Minister of the Punjab, was shot dead tonight while travelling in a car on the Multan Road.

It is stated that near Chuburji he was hailed by the police to stop. Having failed to do so a constable opened fire and Major Ashiq Hussain was killed.

Foot constable Ghulam Hussain has been arrested in connection with the incident.

Ten stabbing outrages and four case of arson were reported from different sections of the city today. One of the injured persons died on the spot.

The casualty figure of the day was two killed and eight injured.

BOMB THROWN AT POLICE PICKET

A bomb is reported to have been thrown on a police picket last night in Chowk Tarpolian in the jurisdiction of Tibbi Police Station injuring one constable seriously.

STABBING IN AMRITSAR

In Amritsar city there were two cases of stabbing, and two bomb explosions.

A bomb explosion occurred inside Sultanwind Gate tonight injuring six persons, including four women and a child.

6 INCIDENTS IN CALCUTTA

Six incidents were reported today says a Bengal Government Press Note issued tonight.

Four of these occurred in Beliaghata area, three being cases in which firearms were used. In one case miscreants used a sten gun injuring three persons. The fourth incident was a bomb attack.

COLLECTIVE FINES IN BOMBAY

A collective fine of Rs. 24,350 has been levied on the inhabitants of five hotels, 92 shops, and 720 tenements from a group of 47 houses from Nortinbrook Street, Maharbowri, in connection with the recent disturbances in Bombay.

A collective fine of Rs. 325 has been imposed on the inhabitants of 2 hotels, one laundry and one tailering shop from two buildings in Homji Street and Store Lane, Fort, in connection with the recent disturbances in Bombay.

RACE FOR SIND PREMIERSHIP

Will Cabinet Include Congress Representatives?

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, July 30.

With Sheikh Ghulam Hussein the Premier becoming the Governor of Sind speculation is rife about his successor as well as the filling of the gap in the Ministry. This has created intense activity in League circles and every group wishes to have its representative taken up as Minister. The race for Premiership is between the present P.W.D. Minister Khuhro and Revenue Minister Purzada Abdul Sattar, the latter having rushed to Delhi to meet Mr. Jinnah and other League High Command Members. He is stated to be carrying letter from the Premier Ghulam Hussain.

Br. Officers Lynched

JERUSALEM July 31. (Reuter): Both Jews and Arabs in Palestine today condemned the "dastardly" killing by Irgun Zvai Leumi of two British Intelligence Corps Sergeants officially reported found hanged this morning from an Eucalyptus tree in a grove near Nathanya, blindfolded with their shirts and connected to booby traps which blasted the corpses and their finders.

The killing shocked Palestine more than any other terrorist outrage.

MALANG FALLS TO DUTCH FORCES

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and Sumatra were autonomous territories.

Autonomy granted covers "the whole of Government with the exception of a number of items of general interest" reserved for the State in which they will be incorporated, when the proposed United States of Indonesia is established.

MIXED COUNCILS

Mixed Councils, in which the Indonesian, Chinese and European populations will be represented, are to be set up, the Dutch decree stated.

The nucleus of Government formerly concentrated round the Dutch residents will be transferred to democratically composed Councils, which will be advised by the Dutch residents who will watch that the several groups of the population are lawfully treated.

The Provisional Council, established last December in Bangka will in future, consist of elected members. In Billiton and Riouw the first Councils will be appointed by Presidents and will make regulations for elections within six months.

Britain has now stopped the delivery of supplies and military equipment to the Dutch cargo vessel Saparoea, in Southampton Dock, which is due to sail soon for Indonesia. This was a sequel to yesterday's statement in the House of Commons by Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, that no more war material was to be supplied to the Dutch Government during military operations in Indonesia.

There is still a quantity of war equipment to be loaded on the Saparoea which was handed over to the Dutch military authorities before Mr. Bevin's announcement. This does not fall within the ban imposed by the British Government, nor does war material already loaded on board the Dutch vessel.

The partially loaded Saparoea will, it is understood, be the last cargo vessel to leave a British controlled port with war material for the Dutch Government while the fighting in Indonesia lasts.

SINGAPORE, July 31 (Reuter)

South East Asia Land Force Headquarters have been ordered to cease completely the supply of war materiah and training facilities to both Dutch and Indonesians, it was stated here today on the announcement by Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, in the House of Commons yesterday that the supply of arms to the Netherlands forces had ceased.

The embargo applies to any items in transit, the order said.

Off My Chest

D. F. Karaka

JACK of the Ambassador Hotel is busy at work planning.

Way back he remembers the money he raised for the Greeks, his countrymen.

Now he feels the urge to raise money for the RAMDAS fund.

He has an idea on which he is working, which should bring a substantial amount to the FUND. He intends to throw open his hotel for a ball at which he will provide food and drinks from his pocket—and the proceeds of this—WITHOUT DEDUCTING HIS COST—is to go to the "RAMDAS" fund.

I think this is a terrific gesture.

Those who have been working to raise this fund, will find it to their advantage to contact JACK and to co-operate with him in whatever way co-operation may be necessary.

The idea is worth supporting. The cause is without question fully worth it.

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In the "N. Y. Times" of June 15th (Magazine Section) there is an article by Senator Thomas C. Desmond entitled "Can We Get Traffic out of its Jam?"

The traffic referred to is chiefly that of Manhattan island but as we are making an effort to meet our growing traffic problems also, taking American expert advice on this subject, our Transport Department would do well to peruse this article.

Senator Desmond says, "The parking crisis did not crash down upon our heads suddenly, like the development of the atom bomb. We had ample warning for over a quarter of a century. We built taller buildings in narrow streets designed for nineteenth century horse-and-buggy traffic. We crowded thousands of clerks, businessmen, workers in those skyscrapers. We darkened the sky with buildings and filled the streets with cars. We have left too little space to move, to turn, to park."

"Today we are reaping the harvest and of our lack of foresight."

This is a sort of thing we must avoid in our town and our country.

How Was India's

FREEDOM WON?

".....the impersonal anonymous tendency of history worked for independence while Gandhi shortened the delay and won the battle with moral force".

Look out for H. N. Brailsford's exclusive analysis in next Bombay Chronicle Weekly.

Searching for chewing gum they found a civilization. Pictorial feature on some recent discoveries of Mayan wall paintings.

"Iqbal Singh's report on Europe: 2"—The ascetic personality of Taoiseech—Eamon De Valera

"Are You Intelligent?" Of course you must, be because you 'choose your reading', but all the same you can test yourself with 'Tests' children pass, but baffle adults

Also recipe for notables, and the Smoker's Itch—a cute little Tobacco ditty for cigarettes in the

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WITH EFFECT from August 4, 1947 Gulaoi Gram dal will be issued to the permit holders against their gram dal permits from the following Government Grain Shops.

BOMBAY CITY—
A WARD—Govt. Grain Shops —Nos. 11 and 16.
B WARD—Govt. Grain Shops —Nos. 41 and 199.
C WARD—Govt. Grain Shops —Nos. 6 75 154 and 168.
D WARD—Govt. Grain Shops —Nos. 4 5 and 122.
E WARD - Govt. Grain Shops —Nos. 15 38 43 and 85.
F WARD—Govt. Grain Shops —Nos. 17 103 and 191.
G WARD—Govt. Grain Shops —Nos. 36 and 77.
SUBURBS—
SANTACRUZ — Govt. Grain Shop—No. 214.
MALAD - Govt. Grain Shop— No. 232.
GHATKOPAR — Govt. Grain Shop—No. 244.
KURLA—Govt. Grain Shop— No. 203.

The gram dal permit holders are requested to approach any of the Government Grain Shops (mentioned in the list) in their own Ward for their requirements.

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The first week for acceptance of declaration forms at the ration shops in E(West), F(North), G(South) and G(North) Wards of the Bombay City and at the ration shops in Bombay Suburban District will be over on Saturday, August 2, 1947. From Sunday, August 3 to Saturday, August 9, this work will be continued at Central Shops in these localities. Persons who have so far failed to put in their declarations should do so at the shop appointed for the purpose in respect of the Ration Shop or where their cards are registered.

Please inquire at your Ration Shop about the address of the Central Shop. The following is the list of the Central Shops.

E(WEST)— Ration Shops— Nos. 95 96 104 107 108 111 138 150 154 170 182 221 225 232 392 396 398 442 470 505 and 528. Govt. Grain Shops— Nos. 18 29 38 42 115 139 and 187.

F(NORTH)— Ration Shops —Nos. 247 249 250 251 254 259 270 271 274 and 366. Communal Store: No. 34. Co-operative Store: No. 31. Govt. Grain Shops— Nos. 17 and 103.

G(SOUTH)— Ration Shops—Nos. 172 306 310 311 313 314 315 316 341 405 427 434 438 504 and 531.

G(NORTH)— Ration Shops—Nos. 283 287 290 291 296 317 321 324 325 326 327 329 333 340 346 359 362 408 432 468 and 546.

BANDRA— Ration Shops— Nos. B/2 B/6 B/9 B/11 B/15 B/18 B/20 B/25 B/26 B/29 B/32 B/33 B/35 B/38 and B/42. Co-operative Store — No. 10. Govt. Grain Shops— Nos. 216 and 250.

PARLA-ANDHERI— Ration Shops— Nos. A/2 A/4 A/6 A/9 A/16 A/24 V.R./2 and A.M./1. Communal Store— No. 4. Co-operative Store —No. 3. Govt. Grain Shops— Nos. 202 215 and 217.

MALAD-BORIVLI— Ration Shops— Nos. MD/1 MD/3 MD/5 MD/7 MD/9 MD/12 BOR/5 BOR/7 BOR/8 BOR/9 and BOR/10. Govt. Grain Shops— Nos. 95 224 and 231.

KURLA— Ration Shops— Nos. K/4 K/7 K/10 K/15 K/20 C/1 C/3 and CHT/1. Govt. Grain Shops— Nos. 185 200 and 219.

GHATKOPAR-MULUND —Ration Shops— Nos. G/5 G/11 G/16 ML/1 ML/6 and ML/8. Communal Stores— Nos. 1 and 2. Govt. Grain Shop—No. 239.

Sind Congress To Secede?

Karachi D. C. C. To Move Resolution At Next Meeting

KARACHI, July 30. (A.P.I.): The Karachi District Congress Committee at its next meeting will consider a resolution recommending to the Sind Provincial Congress Committee to disaffiliate itself from the A.I.C.C. which after August 15 would constitute a political body in a foreign state and instead contact Provincial Congress Committees in Pakistan territory so as to form a political organisation with a socialistic outlook and programme devoted to the service of motherland—Pakistan— without any distinction of caste and creed.

The resolution further states: "Now that the aims and objects of the Indian National Congress have been realised by the establishment of two independent Sovereign States of India and Pakistan, they should dissolve for good all Congress bodies affiliated to it, in Pakistan State. The A.I.C.C. should approach the Government of India with a request that the latter may take over the offices of all such Congress bodies and use them as their local consualties."

It is also recommended to drop the monthly flag hoisting ceremony till the Pakistan Flag is decided upon, as otherwise hoisting of the Indian Union Flag might constitute an act of disloyalty to Pakistan Government.

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SEEING THE SHOWS WITH "SARDI"

Rank's "... Life And Death" Proves To Be Rank Fantasy—Alan Ladd Strays Into Synthetic Calcutta—"Spellbound" Makes Welcome Return—"Nora Prentiss" Continues

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Regal

A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH
(Archers G. F. D.)
Players: David Niven, Kim Hunter, Roger Livesay, Marius Goring, Raymond Massey.
Directors: Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger.

This picture intrigues but does not entertain the onlooker. It contains the seed of a clever idea that has failed to germinate owing to the mismating of the two worlds of logical facts and unleashed fantasy. More subtlety and finesse than possessed by its makers, are necessary to delve into the hallucinations of an injured brain and wandering mind.

The picture begins incredibly, with an R.A.F. poet..pilot trapped in a blazing plane, spouting, if you please, versus, through the wireless transmitter, to the American girl operator at the other end. We are then asked to believe that in this amazing moment a mutual love is born! But that is not enough. The pilot bales out without a parachute, falls into the sea and is washed ashore ALIVE in

Ann Sheridan and Kent Smith in "Nora Prentiss" (Strand.)

the vicinity of the spot where the girl lives. Their romance is desturbed by Operator 71, a dapper Frenchman of the Revolution who is supposed to guide the pilot, whom he had missed earlier in the mist, to a dyemono-chromatic Other World.

Owing to his brain injury the pilot's hallucinations of this strange world beyond, continue, and he imagines that he has to be tried by a heavenly tribunal for having miraculously missed death when his time was up. His doctor friend who is to operate on him, is killed in an accident at the last minute.

While the injured man is under anaesthetics, he imagines himself being tried in a stratospheric court connected to the earth by a giant stairway. His counsel, the dead doctor pleads for a greater span of life for him because of his new-found love. The prosecution is conducted by a Bostonian anglophobe, the first American to be killed by a British bullet in the America war of Independence. His case is strongly anti-British and seems likely to be backed by the jury composed of a Boer, a Frenchman, a Punjabi, an Irishman and an American. This dragging in of politics by the scruff of the neck, seems wholly unnecessary. Anyway, the replaced jury acquits the pilot and he is granted a further lease of life once he has proved his love for the American girl—this coinciding with the success of the operation on earth.

This bewildering fantasy is encumbered with monstrous surrealistic sets of the other world which contains an organisation resemblying an R.A.F. centre. However, it must be borne in mind that this heaven is compounded of the associations possessed by the pilot's mind alone. The use of colour and monochrome adds to the general confusion.

Roger Livesay as the doctor and Raymond Massey as the Bostonian—opponents in the final trial, and Marius Goring as the quaint quite, stand head and shoulders above the rest of the cast most of whom seem rather like somnambulists walking through a trance.

For novelty-seekers only.

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Metro

CALCUTTA (Paramount)
Players: Alan Ladd, William Bendix, Gail Russell, June Duprez, Edith King.
Director: John Farrow.

It is a synthetic India that is depicted in this picture, giving one the false impression that the country is over-run by Chinamen, Americans and bungling British officials. However, the background does not mar the story which might have taken place in any large city in the world.

The plot is as old as the hills, centering round the revenge of a murdered man's friends on his killers. The buddies, Neale and Pedro, happen to be pilots of cargoplanes between India and China, the machines being used by a gang of smugglers for their nefarious activities.

Through Marina, a night-club singer in love with Neale, the latter meets his dead pal's sweetheart Virgina, who baffles him and the audience with confusing stories and an air of innocence. Meanwhile, Pedro discovers a sapphire on the floor of the hangar. It is wrapped in paper containing in Chinese the value of jewels in Calcutta and Chungking. Taking the clue, Neale gets on the track of the jewel-thieves and discovers a bitter surprise awaiting him at the end of the line.

The youhful virility of Alan Ladd as Neale, and the comedy talents of Bendix in the role of Pedro who always times his acts and speeches wrongly, make this tough, fast and at times funny fare. Gail Russell plays Virginia with rare competence, while Edith King gives a delightful cameo as the owner of a curio-shop with an eye for rugged masculinity even in her forties. Paul Singh as Mu Raj Malik and Lowell Gilmore as Eric Lasser are adequate in the menace roles.

For Ladd fans and enthusiasts of made-to-type melodrama.

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Excelsior

SPELLBOUND
Players: Ingrid Bergman, Gregory Peck, Michael Checkhov.
Director: Alfred Hitchcock.

Hitchcock's genuis for providing suspense and his shortcoming in the form of deliberate striving after effect to the detriment of dramatic import, are both obvious in this production which is a kind of celluloid phantasmagoria displaying the conflicts with which the human mind may be beset.

The film unfolds the attempts of a woman phychiatrist to probe into the

Alan Ladd and Gail Russell in Paramount's "Calcutta" (Metro.)

sub-conscious mind and dreams of the man she loves—J. B., an amnesia victim who is suspected of being an imposter masquerading as Dr. Edwardes, the head of the medical house whom he is supposed to have murdered. In a suspenseful climax, the real murderer, heretofore entirely unsuspected, is revealed and J.B.'s innocence is established through the efforts of the woman psychiatrist and her elderly teacher, a brilliant never-specialist.

The jargon of phychology and medicine which burdens the opening scene, may be found tedious by the average layman. Once, however, the picture gets into its stride, it will hold you spellbound indeed. The standard of acting is high, particularly that of Michael Chekhov as the nerve-specialist, Ingrid Bergman as the psychiatrist, and Gregory Pech as the amnesia victim.

For the serious, chiefly those interested in phychiatry.

Kim Hunter and David Niven in "A Matter of Life and Death" (Regal.)

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Strand

NORA PRENTISS (Warner Bros.)
Players: Kent Smith, Ann Sheridan, Robert Alda, Bruce Bennett,
Director: Vincent Sherman.

This picture hits one with the compact of a nightmare in which the leading players is accused of his own murder at the finale! The gruesome tale may not be strictly entertaining but it is certainly novel and interesting.

Schedule-ridder, respectable Dr. Talbot becomes enamonred of a night-club singer. Not daring to ask his wife for a divorce, he assumes the identity of a patient who dies in his office. But the stolen life brings the lovers little peace. Later disfigured beyond recognition in an accident, he is tried and found guilty of the supposed death of himself—as his finger-prints are identical to those on the tin of gasolene with which he had drenched the car containing the corpse of the patient dressed as himself, prior to setting fire to it.

Abounding in improbabilities, the picture culminates in a far-fetched climax wherein the doctor accepts the verdict of "guilty" rather than reveal the truth and lose the respect of his grown-up children. And Nora Prentiss? Love seals her lips and the arms of a former lover bring her solace.

In the lead, Kent Smith given performance notable for its restraint. Ann Sheridan has a colourless part to play in the name role, while Bruce Bennett and Robert Alda are also ill-served by their material.

Suspenseful but outlandish.

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Eros

THE EGG AND I
Players: Claudette Colbert, Fred MacMurray, Louise Allbritton.
Director: Chester Erskine.

An inconsequential film version of Betty MacDonald's bestseller, this picture entirely fails in conveying the humour and whimsy of the original.

Colbert and MacMurray play the roles of a newly-wed couple who decide to spend their honeymoon on a farm in a none too fertile district where they foolishly hope to wrest a living from the land. The slow-witted husband is unable to grasp his wife's futile struggle with antiquated mode of farming till a forest fire brings him to his senses and the expectant baby brings him nearer his wife.

Much of a silly muchness.

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Prohibition Is New Deal For Masses

PRELUDE TO SOLUTION OF HUNGER AND PROVERTY, SAYS L. M. PATIL

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Calling upon the members of every section of the people of the Province and the authorities and the people of Indian States whose territories border the Bombay Province, as well as the Government of Goa to co-operate with the Government of Bombay in making its four-year Plan of Prohibition a practical success, Mr. L. M. Patil Minister for Excise, Government of Bombay, outlined the Government's scheme before members of the Bombay Provincial Prohibition Board which met under his presidentship on Thursday at the Council Hall in Bombay.

Inaugurating the meeting in the absence in Delhi of the Prime Minister, Mr. B. G. Kher, the Home and Revenue Minister, Mr. Morarji Desai, deputising for Mr. Kher emphasised the essentially moral and social aspect of prohibition and expressed the hope that they would, with the co-operation and goodwill of all, dare to make a determined endeavour to succeed in a field where many had failed before.

Talking of the organisational measures contemplated in the programme, Mr. Patil suggested the formation of sub-committees specifically to deal with such subjects as (1) nira, (2) molasses, mhowra and denatured spirit, (3) education and propaganda, (4) social welfare, recreation and counter-attraction, (5) research and statistics and (6) vigilance work. The Collectors, it was proposed, should be chairmen of these various committees and members of the Board representing the district should be vice-presidents.

PROHIBITION NOT PARTY PROGRAMME

The Excise Minister stressed the point that prohibition was not merely a party programme but a national programme; it represented the collective will of the people expressed through the Legislature.

HERALD OF NEW ERA.

Answering various criticisms of the Government's prohibition policy, Mr. Patil said no popular Government could grant an individual the liberty to ruin himself; that the revenues represented by the income from Excise duties were in Gandhiji's opinion "tainted" and that only an alien Government could complacently fill its coffers by trading on the vices of humanity; that tackling the evils of drink and drunkenness was only a prelude to the solution of such vital problems as food for the hungry, raiment for the naked, relief for the debt-burdened, peace and love for the harassed wife and children, abode for the homeless and social harmony for the small raucous village community; and that finally, prohibition would usher in a better family life for the workman leaving with him more money to buy things, more leisure to spend with his people and more opportunities to play with his children and more happiness and well-being to the whole community generally.

BENEFIT TO MASSES.

The task before them was not easy, proceeded Mr. Patil, but the Government would enlist the services of experts in carrying out the Prohibition Programme to a successful conclusion.

"At the outset" remarked Mr. Patil, "I should like to remind one and all that the great Mahatma who put prohibition in the forefront of our constructive policy went to the root of our economic social and moral ills and in presenting it as one of the aids to conquer these ills, he has given us a basic programme, which will benefit the masses beyond all expectation.

FIGURES SPEAK

Referring to the hue and cry that had been raised in the press some time ago, when the Government announced its programme, he said: "A small section of the public, a very small but vocal section, has been trying to dub it as a mere fad of the puritanic few. While we do not mind being called puritans, those obstructionists would not like me to point out that they are anti-puritan or that they are vested interests who, motivated by selfish economic interests are trying to use all means, mostly unfair, to torpedo he Prohibition policy. Let me assure them that theirs is a vain attempt and we shall succeed in our mission in spite of opposition.

"Out of the total Excise revenues in Bombay of Rs. 8,97,63,040 in 1945-46, only about Rs. 3,21,32,920 came from foreign wines and spirits. The rest of it came from opium, hemp drugs, country liquor and toddy. That means the main burden of this huge taxation has fallen on the masses and not on the classes. At a very rough estimate it can be said that less than 10% of the population is addicted to drink and it is this small number who pay the Excise Revenue which forms 26% of the total provincial revenues. I presume every one accepts the principle of equity in taxation and if so is it not positively immoral on the part of any Government to tax a small section, that too economically of the poorest category, so inequitably?"

Declaring that prohibition had come to stay in the Province, Mr. Patil voiced the Government's firm determination, to proceed with the plan. He added that the steps proposed to be taken to achieve complete prohibition in 4 years were taken in the light of experience and knowledge so gained.

STATES MUST BE HELPFUL

Defining the usefull role Indian States could play in making prohibition successful, the Excise Minister observed: "Among the various obstacles to our efforts, the Indian States create a problem which needs immediate handling. This is one of the greatest problems affecting the Prohibition Programme. For the successful working of the programme we have to combat two main evils, viz., (1) illicit distillation and (2) illicit importation of State liquor into this Province until we succeed in our endeavour to educate and wean the addicts from the drink and drug habit."

Claiming that prohibition was not an isolated piece of social reform, Mr. Patil asserted that it was interlinked with all other programmes of reconstruction. As a matter of fact, it formed the foundation stone of all schemes of reconstruction, for, they were trying to make a man sober, to teach him to appreciate his own value in terms of the standard of living, to eliminate waste and create a healthy atmosphere both in the family, in the village as a whole and consequently in the Province.

City Hold-Up Suspects Arrested

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Four persons, Kassam Wazir, Mohamed Sultan Dil Mohamed, Mohamed Khan Abibulla and Alli Mohamed Rahiltulla, who are alleged to be connected with recent hold-up cases in the city, were arrested by the C.I.D to-day at 7 a.m. near Haji Alli Durga, Hornby Vellard on charges under Arms Act.

It was stated that the C.I.D. got information about the visit of the suspects to that particular spot and a Police party was already there lying in wait for them.

On arrest, it was stated, accused No. 1 was driving car No. BMW 6731. Accused No. 2 and No. 3 were seated in the rear seats and on search were found with a loaded revolver and a clasp knife. The room of Accused No. 3 was also searched by the Police and 17 cartridges were found in his trunk.

Accused No. 4 who was in the room produced a trunk belonging to him in which 2 live cartridges were found.

Inspector Sami and Inspector Sarwarkhan carried out the arrests.

Mr. Oscar H. Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Police Court remanded the accused into Police custody.

Subhas Bose Acquitted!

CALCUTTA, July 31, (API): Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose was acquitted by the Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate, Calcutta, who allowed yesterday withdrawal of the six—year old case pending against Mr. Bose. The withdrawal application was made by order of the Government of Bengal.

The case, which was pending against Mr. Bose since his disappearance in 1941, related to a speech delivered by him on April 11, 1940 and an article entitled "Day of Reckoning" published in the "Forward Bloc" of May 18, 1940 of which Mr. Bose was editor both were alleged to be prejudicial.

When the case came up for hearing yesterday the Public prosecutor praying for withdrawal of the prosecution submitted that the subject matter of the two charges framed mainly related to a demand for a change in the then existing system of Government the justification of which demand had now been recognised by the recent and impending political changes in the country.

The magistrate allowed the withdrawal.

Pathan Money-Lender Murdered

BOMBAY, Thursday.

A Pathan money-lender, was stabbed and killed at about 7-30 p.m. yesterday near his room at Mankhurd village, and the Police arrested another Pathan, Jaffri Yarkhan Musakhan on a charge of murder within an hour and a half of the incident.

Inspector Navalkar and Sub-Inspector Bhatt of Ghatkopar Police Station who went to investigate into the murder last night on receipt of information found the deceased Mirtankhan Dadhakhan (25) lying in a pool of blood in front of his room, with seven severe stab wounds on his body. Neighbours and relatives, who claimed to be eye-witnesses of the murder stated to the Police officers, that Jaffri, a night watchman employed on the Transport Anxiliary Service Depot, Mankhurd had stabbed the deceased during a quarrel and escaped.

The accused, who had changed his clothes and was lying quiet in the military barracks was arrested at 9 o'clock last night after an identification parade was held by the Camp Commandant of T.A.S. Depot, Mankhurd.

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KHADI PRATISTHAN.

Further Drop In Steel Shares On Nervous Unloading

COTTON MARKET QUIET WITH SCATTERED SELLING

Bullion Market Declines On General Liquidation

BOMBAY, July 31.

To-day being the last fortnightly settlement session the Bombay Stock Exchange ruled quiet owing to absence of any support. Yesterday's decline was carried further under moderate selling out later there was scattered covering which resulted in a small recovery. The market remained quiet with poor rallying power as confidence is unpaired but Steel shares were pressed down.

Tata Steel Dfds opened at Rs. 2062 and declined at Rs. 2030 and rallied at Rs. 2,045, Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 401 and declined at Rs. 396. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1100 and after declining at Rs. 1080 steadied at Rs. 1085, Kohinoor shares opened at Rs. 607 and quietened at Rs. 604. Simplex shares opened at Rs. 345 and declined at Rs. 340.

Later on there was further seling pressure and Tata Steel Dfds. declined at Rs. 2,007 and Ordinary shares were marked down at Rs. 392. Bombay Dyeings were steady at Rs. 1096 and Kohinoors changed nands at Rs 603 Simplex shares were placed at Rs 339 and Swadeshi were done at Rs. 620. Associated Cements were quiet at Rs. 170, Scindias were placed at Rs 31/12 and Central Bank shares were done at Rs. 96/4.

MILL SHARES

Bombay Dyeing 1085 Kohinoor 600 Swadeshi 611 Nagpur 307/8 Simplex 334 New Great 386 Gokak 322 Indore 630 Century 982/8 Colaba 245 I. Bleaching 157 Swan 353 Finlay 301 Morarji 586/4 Edward 695 Meyer 222/8 Apollo 4/3 I U Ordinary 16/0/6 I U Dfd 3 Madhusudan 272/8 Poddar 320 Khatau 300

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CEMENT.

Associated Merger 170

INDUSTRIES

Burma 475 Bellapur 268 Shivrajpur 38/8 Scindia 31/3 Construction 197 Tata Chemical 14/12 Tata Oil 70 Indian Iron 34/8 Bengal Steel 27/10

ELECTRIC SHARES

Tram Ord 115 Tata Hydro 176 Andhra 1622/8 Power 1730

MILLS (CASH).

Elphinstone 90 Phoenix 1220 India Manufacturing 4000 Koorla 290 Dawn 1545 David 148/12 New City 235 Minerva 211/14 Bradbury 607/8 Bharucha (Dfd) 7/15 Bharat 50/8 Mysore 300 Madhavji 19 Model 193/12 Laxmi 1655 Vishnu 623/12 Western 3600 Standard 501/4 Sholapur 6125 Sassoon Cotton 18/8 Hindustan 4125 Tata 78 Ahmedabad Advance 447/8 Sassoon Silk 75/8 New Union 20/4 Shriniyas 400 Raja Bahadur 116/4 Berar 260 Victoria 425 Kohinoor Cpn. 71.

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Tata Steel (1st Pref.) 215 Tram 50 Andhra Valley 1412/8 Tata Power 1461/4 Hydro 143/12 Bombay Steamer 340 Nagpur 702/8 Swadeshi 146/4 Vishnu 825 Laxmi 307/8 New Great 268/12 Poddar 115 Shrinivas 101 Elphinstone 106/4 Bradbury 542/8 Surat Elec. 211/4 Premier Construction (1st Pref.) 127 (Second Pref.) 125 Amalgamated 138 Habib 72 Tata Chemical 115 Walchand Nagar Industries 250 Jupiter 18 Supreme 120 Meyer 125 Mackenzie First 127/8 Mackenzie Second 125 Ahd. Advance 150 Mysore Mill 51 Standard 100.

DEBENTURES.

Andhra 1952 (4) 103/8, B. Steamer 1950 (/8) 106/12, I. Hume Pipe (6) 111, I. Hume Pipe (5/8) 105, Tata Power 1959 (8) 106/12 I Hume Pipe (6) 111, Walchandnagar (6) 117 Tata Chemical (4) 104, Acme Mfg. (6) 107, Cooper Eng. (6) 107.

OUTSIDE SHARES

Indian Copper 3/6/6 B.I.C. 9/4 Burma Corporation 4/9 New Victoria 5/8 New Victoria Preference 7 Raja 37 Phalton 110 Gold Mohor 340 Kaiser-i-Hind 380 Sajjan 280 Osmanshahi 315 Ajamshahi 265 Air Services 15/8 Air India 195 Birla Motor 8/5 Marshal 7/4 I Steam 15/2

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, July 31

The local cotton market was again quiet today with scattered selling. September option opened at Rs. 435/8 and declined at Rs. 435

It appears that the market is well liquidated and short sales will have not much chance as the market cannot go below the floor level of Rs. 430.

Thus there does not seem any chance for any decline in the near future and the course entirely depends upon the action of bears.

The only possible constructive development will be extension of period for export business which the trade expects.

There was utter absence of any buying support and September was quoted at Rs. 434/14.

The market fluctuated today between Rs. 434/8 and Rs. 436, finally closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. September 435 14 0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton September Contract is 16.90 cent points below New York October at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

BOMBAY, July 30.

	Hi.	Lo.	Closing.
September	436 3/4	435-1/4	436-1/4

MID-JULY COTTON PARITY.

WASHINGTON, July 29

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics mid-July parity price for cotton 28.64. The Department of Agriculture announced that some June 15 parities were revised including cotton 28.64 instead of 28.52.

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, July 31.

The Bullion Market was fairly steady with moderate buying.

Forward Silver opened at Rs. 176 and declined at Rs. 175/8 under scattered selling.. At this level there was renewed buying and Silver quotation rose to Rs. 176/12. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 177/8.

Forward Gold opened at Rs. 108/10 and advanced at Rs. 109/4 on increased buying. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 109/8 while Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 72/8.

Later on the market was quiet and quotations were as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Silver	176	12	0
Forward Silver	176	6	0
Ready Gold	108	12	0
Forward Gold	108	8	0

KUTCH HUNDI.

BHUJ, July 30.

Hundi 276 to 277, Silver Rs. 157, Gold Rs. 197.

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, July 31.

The produce market was quiet today. Groundnuts Khandesh quality were quoted at Rs. 35 and Coromondal at Rs. 34. November December Khandesh quality was placed at Rs. 30/6 and business in Bold was done at Rs. 30, Groundnut Oil ready was quoted at Rs. 21. August delivery was quoted at Rs. 20/10 and September was quoted at Rs. 20/12. Castorseeds September were quoted at Rs. 154/14 and May delivery was quoted at Rs. 136/4. Linseed ready was quoted at Rs. 30/9, July-August was placed at Rs. 30/7 and September-October was quoted at Rs. 30/4.

Later on the market was steady and closing quotations were: Castorseeds Sept. Rs. 156/8, May Rs. 137/4, Groundnuts Khandesh Nov.-Dec. Rs. 30/10, Bold Rs. 30/4. Linseed July-August Rs. 30/12 and September-October Rs. 30/9.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.

BOMBAY, July 31.

Tata Ordinary 391; Tata Deferred 2005; Indian Iron 34/8; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 27/10; Bombay Dyeing 1085; Central India 307/8, Gokak 321/14; Kohinoor 600; Simplex 334; Swadeshi 611/4; Tata Power 1730; Associated Cement 170; Belapur 268/2; Bombay Burma (Old) 475; Scindia 31/3; Central Bank 96/14; New India 80; Tata 2nd Pref. 165.

CALICUT MARKET.

CALICUT, July 31.

Coiryarn Beypore 165/175, Quilandy 200/210, Fibre Garbled 155, Ungarbled 150, Cocoanuts Raw 138, Dry 215, Cocoanut Oil 590, Copra Office 390 Dilpasand 410, Madrasnottam 475 Pepper Wynaad 565, Country 560, Dry Ginger Chernad 290, Ernad 275 Coffee Robusta 90, Timber Pali 50/54, Junglewood 27/28 Vellapine 40/45, Benteak 50/52, Teak 75/80, Mango Planks 3/8/4 Teak 12/16, Rosewood 12/15.

CHICAGO WHEAT.

CHICAGO, July 30.

September 2.27-1/2 to 2.27-3/4.
December 2.25 to 2.25-1/2.
March 2.23-7/8.
May 2.21-1/4 to 2.21-1/2.

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

BOMBAY, July 31

MILLS.

Apollo 4/4 4/3
Bharat 50/8
B. Dyeing 1095 1100 1080 90 87/8 1100 1092/8 97/8 80 85
C. India 313 10 14 12 14 7/8
Century 982/8
Colaba 245 40 45
E. Textiles 698/12 95
Elphinstone (Ord.) 90
Finlay 303 299 305 3 5 1
Gokak 325 24 25 21 24 22
I. U. (Defd.) 3 3/0/6 3
I. U. (Ord.) 16/2 16/1 16/3 16 16/0/6
Indore 635 30 32/8 30
Khatau 300
Kohinoor 607 5 9 5 7 2 4 598 608 3 7 5 6 600
Madhusudan 272/8
Meyer 223/12 25 21/4 23/12 22/8
Model 196/4 98/12 93/12
Mysore 300
New Great 391 85 86 85
Phoenix 1210 20
Podar 322/8 20
Simplex 345 39 41 40 42 41 41/8 34
Swadeshi 618 13 17 15 21 10 12 11
Swan 353
Tata Mills 79/8 78
Vishnu 625 23/12
Bradbury 607/8

BANKS.

Central 96/8 96 96/12 96 97/12 97
Imperial (Old) 2180
Imperial (New) 545 46/4
India 232
Reserve 116 15/8 16
Union 10/12
U. Commercial 78 77 78

ELECTRIC.

Andhra Valley 1622/8
Andhra (Pref.) 1412/8
B. Tram (Old) 115/8 16 15 15/8 15
B. Suburban 167/8
Hydro 176
Hydro (Pref.) 143/12
Power 1732/8 30 32/8 27/8 35 30
I. Mercantile 59 60
New India 80 79/8 80
B. Steam 575
Scindia 32/5 31/12 32/3 31/3

STEEL.

B. Steel 28/8 28/12 26/8 28/10 27/14 28 27/12 27/14 27/10
I. Iron 35/6 35/8 35/4 35/6 34/8
Tata (Defd.) 2066 67/8 27/8 40 50 30 45 37/8 47/8 40 45 2000 2005
Tata (Ord.) 400 1 394 96/8 96 96/8 95/8 97 90 91
Tata (IInd Pref.) 165 64/8 65

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 665 60 65 60
A. C. C. (Old) 171 70 71 70/8 71 70
A. C. C. (New) 56 55
Belapur 268 66 68 67 66
B. B. (Old) 490 82/8 87/8 75
B. B. (New) 163/12
B. B. Petrol 3/10/6 3/9 3/9/3
P. Construction 199 96 200 197/8 99 97
Shivrajpur 38/8
Tata Chemical 14/14 15 14/12
Tata Oil 71 72 70 72 70 71 70
Wimco 280 82/8

SPECIAL

Central Coupon 21 22
Central Bank (New) 98/8
Ahmedabad Elec. (New) 118/12
Standard Mills 501/4

LONDON SILVER QUOTED 37 PENCE

LONDON, July 30. (UPA): The price of silver was quoted at 37 pence on London market today for both spot and forward, marking a decline of 3/4 penny from the previous level of 37-3/4 pence per ounce.

Brokers said the price fell due to some selling by various quarters plus complete lack of buying. The market was steady on the fall.

NEW YORK SILVER UNCHANGED

NEW YORK, July 30. (UPA): The price of silver on the New York market remained today unchanged at 61-3/4 cents per ounce.

LITTLE MOVEMENT ON MEXICAN MONEY MARKET

MEXICO CITY, July 30. (UPA): There was little movement on the Mexican money market on Tuesday and the tendency was to hold earlier positions.

CHINA EXPECTS BUMPER COTTON CROP

NEW YORK, July 30. (UPA): A Journal of Commerce report from Shanghai said today that China expects a bumper cotton crop estimated at 11,000,000 bales, according to a semi-official Chinese report published on Tuesday.

The report attributed the great increase in production partly to the beneficial effect of timely rain and partly to the extensive use of American cotton seeds throughout the cotton areas. It said that it was difficult to obtain cotton figures in China, but the data was based on information received by the U. S Department of Agriculture against the average yearly production in the last 27 years of 2,500,000 bales.

CHICAGO GRAINS MARKET

CHICAGO, July 30.

Grains were firm on short covering and buying by commercial interests with the latter associated with liberal sales of wheat and flour to Government agencies. The improved technical condition after Tuesday's sharp sell off, the steadier cash wheat market and high temperature and lack of moisture in most of the maize and oats belts were also helpful. The C. C. C. Kansas city office purchased 3,601,000 bushels of wheat between noon Monday and noon Tuesday while the Chicago Office bought 665,000 bushels over the same period.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, July 31.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready.

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Months.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Months

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th and 6th Months

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 1/8 7th 9th Months

London Banks 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 1/8 to 4th Months.

London Banks 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 5/32 5th and 6th Months.

London Banks 60 and 90 d/st 1/6 3/16 7th and 9th Months.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th months.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th Months.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st. 1/6 7/32 7th and 9th Months.

NEW YORK & MONTREAL RATES

B. C Rate T. T. Rs. 332 1/4

Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 332 1/4

Banks Buying T. T. Rs. 330

Banks Buying D. D. N. Y. Rs. 329

Montreal Rs. 328 3/4 under L/C.

Banks Buying D. D. N. Y Rs. 328 3/4

Montreal Rs 328 1/2 Bot under L/C

Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 3650.

Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 3650

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 79.

Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. ——

Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 84.

Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 157.

Burma Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 100 1/2.

New York/London Cross Rate $4.02 11/16 to 4.02 13/16.

London Discts. 3 Months 17/32 p.c.

London Discts. 6 Months 9/16-5/8 p.c.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c, Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.

Money:—Call 1/4 p.c, 3 Months 1/2 p.c, 6 Months 3/4 p.c, 12 Months 1 1/4 p.c.

Tone:—Good Enquiry.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA.

The following is the Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 25th July:—

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.
CAPITAL:	5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund	6,22,50,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts	270,96,65,000
Sundries	58,82,000
Total Rs.	283,42,47,000

ASSETS.

	Rs.
INVESTMENTS:—	
Government Securities	146,17,01,000
Other Authorised Investments	5,46,43,000
ADVANCES:—	
Loans	24,45,12,000
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	45,14,67,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased	5,29,53,000
Dead Stock	1,54,75,000
Sundries	99,38,000
CASH:—	
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India and with the Central Treasury in Rangoon	52,30,83,000
Balances with other Banks	2,04,75,000
Total Rs.	283,42,47,000

LONDON PEPPER PRICES

LONDON, July 30. (UPA): White pepper was quoted at 2/3-1/4 and black at 1/6 during today's session of the London market.

Dealers said that the fall in the prices of white pepper was due to the fact that there was no demand because the United Kingdom quota had been filled and there was very limited buying elsewhere. They said that both the prices quoted today were sellers' prices, there being no buyers.

ACTIVITY ON WORTH STREET SLOWS DOWN

NEW YORK, July 30. (UPA): The threat of a strike by three craft unions and the erratic action of raw cotton prices acted to slow down activity in the cotton goods trade during today's session of the Worth Street Cotton Cloth Market.

The trend toward sidelines among buyers and sellers also increased pending the issuance of the Government's first cotton crop estimate on August 8th.

The breakdown in the negotiations made the strike at Fall River, Massachusettes, at midnight on Thursday an apparent certainty.

BOARD OF TRADE ANNOUNCES OPEN EXPORT SCHEME

LONDON, July 30. (UPA): The Board of Trade today announce an open export scheme for cotton and rayon piece goods for the period, July 1st to September 30th.

The announcement said that it was not proposed to preclude any market willing to accept and able to pay for British goods, but the "vital need of export to hard currency markets and the essential requirements of countries within the British Commonwealth may make it necessary to put a limit on the yardage which may be shipped outside these categories.".

Wall Street Market Barely Steady

NEW YORK, July 30.

Some further softness brought the lowest levels for three weeks as the market continued to be subject to technical considerations after the ten weeks advance. Continued unsettlement in London was an additional depressing factor. Prices improved on short covering latter in the morning which reduced or eliminated some losses, notably in oils and specialties, but were still irregularly lower, fractions to one point. Rails, steels, motors, rubbers, papers and wetstocks came under rather steady pressure. The averages were 181.18 and 44.06 Sporadic bursts of pressure forced stocks to retreat fractions to two points as only uncattered improved demand materialised. Chemicals, steels, motors, papers, soft drinks, rails and rail equipments were particular target and the unsettlement was reflected in most other divisions. The current selling wave has already carried the industrial average 6 points below the year's high level and although it could retreat still further, leading brokerage houses do not believe it will develop seriously mainly due to gratifying earnings. Traders emphasise that rarely have price to earnings ratios have been so low for good trade stocks and the prevailing high rate of activity innumerble industrial and other issues gives promise of continuing for some time. Short covering and reinvestment demand emerged in volume during final trading, notally in motors, steels, tobaccos, rails, buildings and wetstocks. This resulted in rallies from the days low levels but still left declines up to one point. The market closed barely steady.

American Telephone & Telegraph	156-5/4
Amerex Holding Co.	31-1/4
Anaconda Copper Mining	36
Chase National Bank	34-3/4
Sinclair Oil	16-1/4
Firestone Tyre & Rubber Co.	52-3/8
General Electric Co.	37-5/8
General Motors	59-1/4
Ingersol Rand	117 bid
International Nickel	30-1/2
National City Bank of New York	39-7/6
New York Central Rail Road Co.	15-1/4
Socony Vacuum Corporation	16-5/8
Texas Corporation	66
Union Carbon & Carbide	108-1/2
U. S. Smelting Refining Mining Co.	49
U. S. Steel Corporation Common	72-7/8
Western Union Telegraph	21

NEW YORK SEED PRICES

NEW YORK, July 30, (UPA): With the exception of black pepper Lampong spot which was quoted at 34-1/2 cents per pound and white pepper which was quoted at 54 cents asked, prices of other seeds remained unchanged on the New York market today.

Black pepper futures, in the first trade since July 1st, scored an advance of one cent per pound today when December delivery was traded at 31 cents per pound.

The firmer undertone reflected the political uncertainty from Indonesia and higher offerings from primary markets as well as doubts as to whether licenses would be available on pepper shipments from India.

In the domestic spot market, dealers reported small trade in black pepper at 34-1/2 cents per pound while offerings for white lampong were held unchanged at 54 cents.

Singapore black offerings were reported to be as high as 40 cents per pound on the New Yrok basis.

Closing prices included: September 31 bid; October 31 nom; January 28 nom; March/May/July 27 nom.

LONDON WHEAT.

London, July 30.

Australian Wheat (bulk) F. O. B. 103 July-Aug.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, July 30.

	£
Consols 2-1/2 p c	86-1/4
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	106-1/2
War Loan 3-1/2 p c 1952 and after	102-1/4
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	113-1/2
Victory Bonds 4 p c	114-1/2
Chartered Bank of I. A. and China	11-5/8
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	118-1/2
National Bank of India	36

DON'T ALLOW JAP SILK TO UNDERSELL INDIAN

NEW DELHI, July 31 (API.) A five-year programme of stabilization of the silk industry in India preliminary to a phase of expansion during the next two quinquenia, is recommended by the Silk Panel appointed by the Government of India.

The Panel has also recommended that the Japanese Silk entering India by way of reparations should not be allowed to undersell Indian Silk.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH MAY INAUGURATE DOMINION OF CEYLON

COLOMBO, (U.P.A.):

Ceylon will be granted Dominion Status early next year, probably in February or March, and the occasion will be marked by a visit from the Royal Family.

A high Government official said that in all probability Princess Elizabeth would inaugurate the new Dominion.

Erratic Price Movement On N. Y. Cotton Exchange

TRADING SPASMODICALLY ACTIVE

NEW YORK, July 30, (U. P. A.): Erratic prices and spasmodically active trading featured today's session of the New York Cotton Exchange. Prices wobbled in a thin market over a range of three dollars per bale. The market was apparently striving to regain its foothold after its recent sharp declines. The sentiment was confused by the European political and economic developments, emphasized by a further decline in the London stock market. Optimistic crop advices from China plus the favourable progress of the domestic crop with the anticipation of increasing hedge selling as harvesting expands dampened the bullish sentiment. The strength in grains and inflationary implications seen in the rise of steel prices, increased wages and probably heavy spending by discharged servicemen when the terminal pay bonds would be eliminated following redemption before September first were lost sight of temporarily in the light of other developments.

PARITY PRICE.

As expected, the Government parity price report issued after the close of the market on Tuesday showed an advance of 12 points to 28.64 cents per pound. Traders suggested that the average loan rate for the new crop would be 27.94 cents for middling fifteenth-sixteenths cotton at Memphis compared with the average rate during the present season of 24.38.

Inasmuch as the average spot price in ten markets is more than eight cents per pound above the indicated loan rate, traders are expecting heavier producer marketings to commercial channels forthwith.

ABSENCE OF COVERING.

The absence of the expected trade covering against sales to the Government for Japan was disappointing to recent buyers. Some traders believe that the recent decline may encourage addition purchases soon. The Commodity Corporation recently intimated that the War Department might delay additional purchases until the prices worked to lower levels.

Private reports received here from Shanghai indicate a bumper crop prospect for China. Other reports said that Egypt has concluded a trade agreement with Peland and Italy for the shipment of 2,000,000 pounds sterling (Egyptian) worth of cotton to those countries in the next six weeks. These reports came from London traders. The reports said that Egypt will be guaranteed an open credit of 1,000,000 pounds from each of the two countries. Payment is to be made within the next six months either in cash or in goods as required by Egypt.

Inasmuch as the transaction will exhaust the present Egyptian stocks, Alexandria reports said that the Government has agreed to release 1,000 bales per week from the carryover until the new crop is available.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, July 30.

October	33.70+35
October Highest	33.90+35
October Lowest	33.28—27
December	33.13+03
January	32.67+01
March	32.58+00
May	32.18—07
July	31.43—03
Middling Spot	36.17+03

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, July 30.

October	33.66+16
December	33.10+10
March	32.70+01
May	32.21+06
Middling Spot	35.25—

Provisional National Govt. For Indo-China

SAIGON, July 31, (Reuter): Bao Dai, Ex-Emperor of Annam, heads the full list of the reconstituted Viet Namese (Republican) Government when it was announced last night.

The Ex-Emperor was described as "Supreme Counsellor".

It was reported 10 days ago in informed political quarters in Saigon that France would try to establish a Provisional National Government for the Indo-Chinese Republic of Viet Nam headed by Bao Dai.

These reports followed the return from Paris of M. Emile Bollaert, French High Commissioner, who, these quarters said, would aim at a Government under Bao Dai, composed of elements represented by the newly formed Viet Nam National Union Front, which opposes Doctor Ho Chi Minh Republican Premier, together with other groups of similar views.

Bao Dai, 33-year-old former Emperor of Annam, abdicated in August 1945, declaring he wanted to be "a free citizen rather than a monarch in slavery". He has since been living in Hongkong.

In a recent interview he said: "If the National Front show it represents the will of all our people, and my presence can help, I shall be glad to come back."

The Viet Nam radio today broadcast a statement by Doctor Ho Chi Minh in which he claimed that Bao Dai was "with us as always and is our closest friend and the whole nation of Viet Nam has the full confidence in his fidelity".

Doctor Ho Chi Minh denied rumours that he recently went to Hongkong to meet Bao Dai but added "all the Viet Nam Government and myself are, however, anxious that he should soon return and resume the affairs of state from which he has been absent for a long time."

INDIAN WOMAN IN CAPE-TOWN WINS IMMIGRATION CASE

Allowed To Stay On With Her Child

CAPETOWN, July 30, (Reuter): An Indian woman and minor child have successfully appealed to the Immigration Appeal Board in Capetown against a notice to leave South Africa. The appeal was in the nature of a test case and was heard in camera. The Chairman of the Board explained today that the woman was the wife of an Indian who married her while he was on a visit to India. After taking the evidence the Board was satisfied that the husband was resident in Capetown in 1902—before the first Immigration Act came into operation on 30th January, 1903. The provisions of the Immigration Law therefore, did not affect him.

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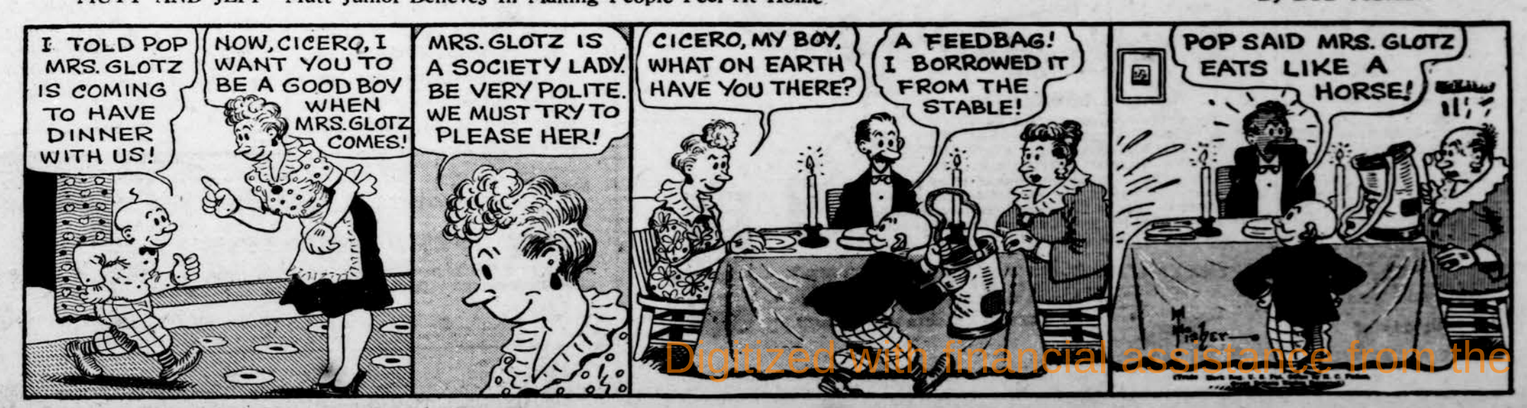
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THE ATTENTION of the undersigned Messrs. M. M. ISPAHANI, LTD. has been drawn to the fact that certain persons trading as "Indian Importers Syndicate" at 265, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, are falsely representing themselves as our Agents. We hereby notify that the said Indian Importers Syndicate are not and have never been our Agents for any purpose. Any person, firm or corporation dealing with the said Indian Importers Syndicate will do so at his or their risk and we shall not be responsible in any manner for the same.

Dated this 30th day of July 1947

M. M. ISPAHANI LTD.,
Noble Chambers, Fort, Bombay.
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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the posts of Staff Nurses and Student Nurses with the following qualifications for the Main Hospital, The Tata Iron & Steel Co. Ltd., Jamshedpur.

STAFF NURSES:

Fully qualified in general Nursing and Midwifery. Starting basic pay Rs. 50/- in the scale of Rs. 50-5-80-10-120 plus uniform allowance of Rs. 30/- per annum, dearness allowance of Rs. 3/12/- p.m. and emergency bonus of Rs. 5/- per month, totalling to Rs. 61-4-0, besides free boarding and lodging in the Nurses Hostel. Senior Certificated Staff Nurses are eligible for consideration for a higher starting pay in the scale.

STUDENT NURSES:

Either Matriculates or Senior Cambridge. Three years course plus one year service in the hospital after qualifying. Starting basic pay Rs. 35/- in the scale of Rs. 35-3-50, plus an uniform allowance of Rs. 30/- per annum, dearness allowance of Rs. 3-12-0 p. m. and emergency bonus of Rs. 5/- per month, totalling to Rs. 46/4/- p. m., besides free boarding and lodging provided in the Nurses Hostel.

Leave, Provident Fund, Profit-sharing Bonus are admissible in accordance with the Company's Rules.

Applications with three recent copies of testimonials, stating age, qualifications and experience should reach the NURSING SUPERINTENDENT, Main Hospital The Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., Jamshedpur, on or before the 25th August, 1947.

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NOTICE

WANTED for the General Drawing Office of the Works Engineering Dept. of the Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., Jamshedpur.

(a) Senior Draftsman (Mechanical and/or Structural in the grade of Rs. 150/-10/-200/- p.m. on new Construction jobs.

(b) Overseers for design and detailing work in connection with masonry and reinforced concrete structures and for sewage systems, in the grade of Rs. 100/-10/-170/- p.m. A higher starting salary than the minimum may be considered for especially qualified men.

The above posts are temporary for two years. The posts carry 10% of the salary as Emergency Bonus and Rs. 19/8/- as Dearness allowance for as long as these remain in force, also attendance bonus according to rules.

Applicants must have technical qualifications and Drawing Office experience. Selected candidates will be on probation for three months.

Applications stating qualifications, experience, and age should reach the Office of the Supdt. Labour Bureau, The Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., Jamshedpur, on or before the 15th August, 1947.

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G. I. P. RAILWAY—TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, invites tenders for the purchase of Old and Unserviceable Stores, available for disposal at the Stores Sub-Depot, Jhansi. Forms obtainable either from the Controller of Stores' Office or from the Depot Superintendent, Stores Sub-Depot, Jhansi, at Rs. 3|- per copy not refundable. Money Order or Cash only. Closing date 28-8-1947 at 3 p.m. (S.T.)

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MACHINERY WANTED

Wanted one Teasing Machine, two Josephy's tape condensor cards, 3/4", 1/2" or 3/8" tapes, two Waste spinning Ring Frames immediately. Apply Box No. 6634 "Bombay Chronicle."

MISCELLANEOUS ADLETS

Wanted Ammonium Biphosphate, pure by Johnson and Sons and Ammonium Nitrate, technically pure in one pound bottles. Send offers to Famous Cine Litho Works, 40B, Clerk Road, Jacob Circle, Bombay 11. (6662)

PUBLIC NOTICES

OUDH TIRHUT RAILWAY.

TENDER NOTICE

1. SEALED TENDERS are invited for the construction of the following building and will be received by the undersigned upto 14.00 hours on the 10th August, 1947.

Name of work.	Approximate labour cost only.	Approximate labour plus material cost complete.
	Rs.	Rs.
Proposed Parcel Office at Gorakhpur and equipping the building with electric lights and fans and connecting the same with the supply mains.	21,000|-	62,500|-

2. The contractors may submit two alternate tenders:—
(i) for the labour for constructing the building excluding the cost of the materials which will be supplied by the Railway.
(ii) for the construction of the building including both the labour and the supply of all the materials complete.

3. Any contractor who is unable to supply steel or cement may also mention this in his tender. They will then be arranged by this administration.

4. Tender documents can be had from the office of the Resident Engineer O. T. Railway, Gorakhpur between 10 A.M. and 4-30 P.M. except on Sundays and holidays on payment of Rs. 5|- per copy. The cost of tender documents will not be refunded in any circumstances.

5. Tenderers not in possession of the 'Book of Instructions for the guidance of contractors etc. which will form part of contract documents should deposit a further sum of Rs. 2|- and a book of standard Schedule of rates can also be had on payment of Rs 2|8|- per copy.

6. The rates should be quoted in figures and words as "Schedule Rates" or as percentage above or below the schedule rates.

7. No tender will be considered without deposit of earnest money which should be deposited with the F.A. & Chief Accounts Officer O. T. Railway, Gorakhpur either in cash or approved bond at Rs 5|-% of the total value of the tender and the receipt number quoted in the tender.

PRESIDENT ENGINEER,
Gorakhpur Division.
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SCHEDULE A.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC
(Rule 8.)

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for public information in accordance with Rule 8, Part II, of the Rules for Places of Public Amusement in the City of Bombay, 1914, made under Section 22, sub-section (1) clauses (f) (i), (g) and (h) of the City of Bombay Police Act, 1902, by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, with the previous sanction of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay in Council, that I, Premji Dhanji propose erecting a Cinema at Santa Cruz on the ground belonging to the Central Bank Executive Trustee Co. Ltd., and Premji Dhanji, situate at the junction of Dadabhai Road and Green Street to the Wireless Station Road, bearing Plot No. 61 and 62 of the Santa Cruz Town Planning Scheme No. 2 admeasuring about 2840 Square Yards

Notice is hereby given that any objection to the erection of the said Cinema should be received by the Commissioner of Police, Bombay, not later than the 15th day of August 1947, that is to say within 14 days from the date of this Notice.

PREMJI DHANJI.
Bombay, 1st August, 1947.
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GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY

MILK DISTRIBUTION SCHEME
WANTED ASSISTANT CHEMISTS on Rs. 100-5-170-200 plus the usual Dearness Allowance and Interim Relief to work at the Government Milk Control Laboratory, Bombay. They should have the Degree of B.Sc. with Chemistry and Physics as their primary subjects and must have analytical experience, preferably of dairy products.

The applications should be addressed to the Milk Commissioner Milk Distribution Branch, Bhagwan Bhuvan, 71 Mint Road, Bombay and should reach on or before 8th August 1947.

D. N. KHURODY,
Milk Commissioner, Bombay.
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. NOORUDDIN SHAIKH ABBASBHOY and RUKHIABAI, daughter of Mulla Mahomedally Haideralli Dalal, both of Bombay Borah Muslim Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece or parcel of Fazandari land or ground of the late Vishvanath Shamji, now of Jehangir Bomanji Boman Behram with the messuage, tenements and dwelling houses and premises standing thereon situate, lying and being at Bhendy Bazar, Parel Road, outside the Fort of Bombay, in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement (114) square yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Pension and tax of land Revenue under Old No. 109, New No. A/2700, New Survey No. part of 3666 and Cadastral Survey No. 1907 of Mandvi Division and in the books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "B" Ward No. 2282 and Old Street No. 471-475 and New Street Nos. 95-97.

Dated this 30th day of July. 1947.

AMBUBHAI & DIWANJI,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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NOTICE TO SPECIAL JURORS

MEMBERS of the SPECIAL JURY, summoned for the current Criminal Sessions are required to attend the High Court, on 1st floor, Room No. 37, on Friday the 1st August 1947 at 10-45 A. M. (S.T.).

MITHAN J. LAM,
Sheriff of Bombay.
Bombay 31st July, 1947.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

THE PLASTIC & INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION LTD. wish to announce that they have shifted their Head Office from People's Building, Sir Pherozshah Mehta Road and their Pharmaceutical Division from 12, Rampart Row to

AMAR BUILDING
Sir Pehozshah Mehta Road,
Bombay.
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AUCTION SALES

BONAFIDE SALE

Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will on Sunday the 3rd August, at 10-30 A.M. (S.T.) sell by Public Auction at No 2, Lands End House, Harkness Road, Malabar Hill, specially made-to-order teak furniture comprising of dining table, chairs, sideboards, cocktail cabinet cane drawing room suites, book-cases, wardrobes, dressing tables, iron beds, writing desks, glass, crockery, platedware, cutlery, thermoses, carpentry tools, mosquitto nets, kitchenware etc. Property of A. E. Caffin Esq., O.B.E., Commissioner of Police, Bombay. On view.

BENNETT & CO.

LEGAL NOTICES

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SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

All that piece or parcel of land or ground, situate, lying and being at Santa Cruz in the Registration Sub-District of Bandra in Suburban District of Bombay now called as Greater Bombay area, containing by admeasurement 6713 Square yards or thereabouts and forming the portion of the land, bearing final Plot No. 82 of Town Planning Scheme No. 2 Santa Cruz and also forming part of Plots 1 and 2 of the Sub-divisions of the said portions of plot No. 82 made by the Saraswat Suburban Housing Society.

Dated this 30th day of July, 1947.

AMBUBHAI & DIWANJI,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
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